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Official says area growth will benefit Southern

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

Projecting the future of Missouri's economic and population growth, the results from the Missouri Opportunity 2000 Commission are positive for the future of southwest Missouri.

According to Missouri Secretary of State Roy Blunt, Missouri Southern will be enhanced by the projected growth.

"I think it will have a definite effect on Missouri Southern," Blunt said. "Missouri Southern is fortunate to be in one of the growing areas."

The Commission, which consisted of a 28-member group appointed in December 1985, determined that the population center of the United States will be somewhere between Joplin and Springfield by the year 2000. The center is currently located in Washington County.

Blunt, co-chairman of the Commission, said the fastest growing cities in the state will be Joplin and Springfield. The Commission expects Springfield's size to increase by 25 per cent while Joplin's population will increase another 18 per cent.

"I'm from Springfield," Blunt said. "I'm glad to say positive things about southwest Missouri in the area of its growth."

Blunt believes the population of the state will increase by 500,000 to a total of 5.5 million.

While Blunt and the Commission predict population growth in some areas, they believe other areas have suffered and may continue to suffer. Blunt said there needs to be "transitions in Missouri agriculture" and that many rural residents are seeking "off-farm employment."

"The best agricultural areas of the state have been affected by the decline of row crops," he said.

According to Blunt, the six counties in the southeast part of the state have all seen population decreases. All but 11 counties north of the Missouri River have had declining populations.

The senior citizen population will continue to grow over the next several years. According to the Commission, 14 per cent of the state's population will be over 65, placing a greater importance on health care needs.

Blunt noted that 65 per cent of the population is in the prime working age group, between the ages of 25 and 54. That total will increase to 72 per cent in the next 13 years.



President speaks

College President Julio Leon discusses the selection of a new assessment committee at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting. See related story on page 2. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Ackiss replaces Gale as honors director

Students express concerns in petition to Leon

By Pat Halverson
Editor-in-chief

Dr. Lanny Ackiss, associate professor of English, will replace Dr. Steven Gale as director of Missouri Southern's honors program, effective with the summer session.

Dr. Roseanne Smith, assistant professor of education, has been named assistant director of the program.

According to College President Julio Leon and Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, the directorship has been viewed as a temporary, rotating position since the inception of the honors program. Gale, hired as head of the English department in 1980, was named to direct the honors program in 1984.

"It is just a natural change," said Leon. "Initially, we asked Dr. Gale to take the program for a short time. That time is up, and we asked Dr. Ackiss to take over."

"This is consistent with the very first day, this rotation," said Belk. "It won't be every two or three years, but just a rotation."

The change, announced at the March 23 honors colloquium, has created concern among students enrolled in the program.

"We are upset with the manner in which it was presented," said Bill Benz, a senior honors student. "It came as a complete surprise. We do want to make it plain that we support the choice of Dr. Ackiss, and are confident he will do a

good job. There is just a lot of concern that a rotating director will cause discontinuity in the program."

Gale said he is against rotating the position "because of the very nature of the job. The students saw all of the problems with changing directors immediately," he said.

A group of honors students presented a petition to Leon Tuesday expressing their concerns.

"In the past few months, there have been several changes in the honors program, such as elimination of honors freshman orientation, a change in retention requirements, and the elimination of social get-togethers," said Robert Stokes, a junior. "We felt this was a culmination of several minor things we had planned to go to the [honors] committee about. We are concerned that the actions being taken are directly opposite to what the committee has recommended."

"We weren't aware of the short-term position," said Lee Martin, a senior. "We felt our questions were being avoided."

Gale said there had been previous discussion of the change, but that he and the honors committee were consulted about the decision.

"We think that there is a need to open the lines of communication between the students, the committee, and Dr. Leon," said Stokes. "We don't feel we have a voice except with Dr. Gale. We are not com-

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'Outrageous' costs cause CAB to cancel cookout

By Pat Halverson
Editor-in-chief

Balloons, snow cones, movies, and entertainment will be available as usual during Missouri Southern's annual Spring Fling Week, but there will be no cookout.

"This is an experiment," said Val Williams, director of student activities. "We have been providing food [at the cookouts] for at least 1,500 persons with no reimbursement. The cost of the Spring Fling meal is close to twice that of the board plan [meals for dormitory students]. We had to make up the difference and pay for all of the other students."

The CAB and the Student Senate split the cost of expenses for Spring Fling Week. Since meals are included in the cost of dormitory fees, the CAB and Senate have been charged only the amount in excess of the normal cost of the meal for boarding

students.

Tony Wilson, president of the CAB, said the final decision to eliminate the cookout was made by the CAB, but executive officers and several student senators were consulted.

"The cost is split between the CAB and the Senate," he said. "It costs approximately \$4,000 just for the food. We felt that is pretty outrageous. Considering that all of the other things we do for Spring Fling only cost one-third of the total, we thought it would be better to have just the other things."

Wilson and Williams agreed that the cookout might be reinstated in the future, depending on the reaction of students to the elimination of the cookout. Williams said there will be a Homecoming cookout.

"We have had a cut in our budget just as everyone else has, and we are trying to do other things," said Wilson. "We have to look ahead, and the money we will save

makes it a worthwhile consideration."

"It takes a lot of manpower for Spring Fling and the cookout," Williams said. "It takes a lot of people to work at the pop machines, games, and for maintenance."

Williams said cost was not the only reason for the decision.

"Cost is a factor, but we also want to stretch our money and do some summer programs," she said. "We are 60 per cent into the school year, and have used 75 per cent of our budget. We get 80 per cent of student activities fees for full-time students, and there are around 2,000 full-time students."

"There are about 1,000 students in the summer, and we feel we should provide something for them. We need the students' opinions."

The CAB is planning a Megathon, with all proceeds going to muscular dystrophy, and is looking into the possibility of a concert this summer.

Activities planned for next week's Spring Fling include free floats and sundaes in the Lions' Den on Monday, the CAB movie and a Gummy Bear Guess on Tuesday, the April-May birthday party on Wednesday, Decorate Your Own Rainforest Cookie on Thursday, and free haircuts and trims from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

There will be a comedy classics movie marathon on Friday, April 10 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. which will include Abbott and Costello movies, The Three Stooges, a Roadrunner Fest, and Duck Soup. Admission for the movies will be on a pay-as-you-leave basis with the charge reduced for longer stays.

As an extension of Spring Fling, a comedy night will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 13. David Naster and Taylor Mason, both veterans of syndicated television shows such as the David Letterman Show, will perform in the Lions' Den.

Testing of seniors will help College assess requirements

ACT vice president will present workshop April 16

Graduating seniors will have an opportunity to help Missouri Southern assess its general education requirements by participating in the College Outcomes Measure Program (COMP).

The testing, beginning Monday, will be given at specified times throughout the week. It will conclude Friday, April 10.

"The COMP test will attempt to measure the senior's ability to use knowledge and skills covered in the 46 hours of general education requirements," said Dr. Eugene Mouser, director of counseling and testing. "A subcommittee of the Academic Policies Committee will review the test scores and compare them with national norms, then make recommendations to keep or review the present block of general education requirements."

According to Mouser, the COMP is designed to measure effective usage in six areas: functioning within social institutions, using science and technology, using the arts, communicating, solving problems, and clarifying values.

The test will be administered by the counseling and testing staff on the third

floor of the Billingsly Student Center. The schedule will be as follows: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; and 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Baccalaureate degree candidates for May or July may select the most convenient testing date.

"Faculty members may also take the test," said Mouser. "Their results will be sent directly to them and not reported in the student summaries."

Since this is the first year for assessment at Southern, many questions are being raised as to the format and purpose of the test. Due to these questions, a workshop for faculty members is being planned.

Dr. Aubrey Forrest, vice president of American College Testing (ACT), will be on campus April 16 to further define the COMP. Forrest is the director of COMP.

"ACT has written the COMP test," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "Dr. Forrest will spend the day with faculty members, and tell of the test and its importance to the College."



Spring break

Missouri Southern students watch a belly-flop contest during spring break activities at Daytona Beach, Fla. Dan Porter, a Southern junior, won the contest. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Morgan uses cash award for students

Applications for the Morgan Award for the Most Promising Prospective Teacher must be submitted to Charline Lewis in Hearnes Hall Room 300 by tomorrow.

Dr. Henry Morgan, associate professor of English, established the award to encourage and assist students who plan to enter the teaching profession.

Selected as the Outstanding Teacher of a Freshman Class for 1985-86, Morgan decided to use the cash award which comes with that honor to help students planning to enter the teaching profession.

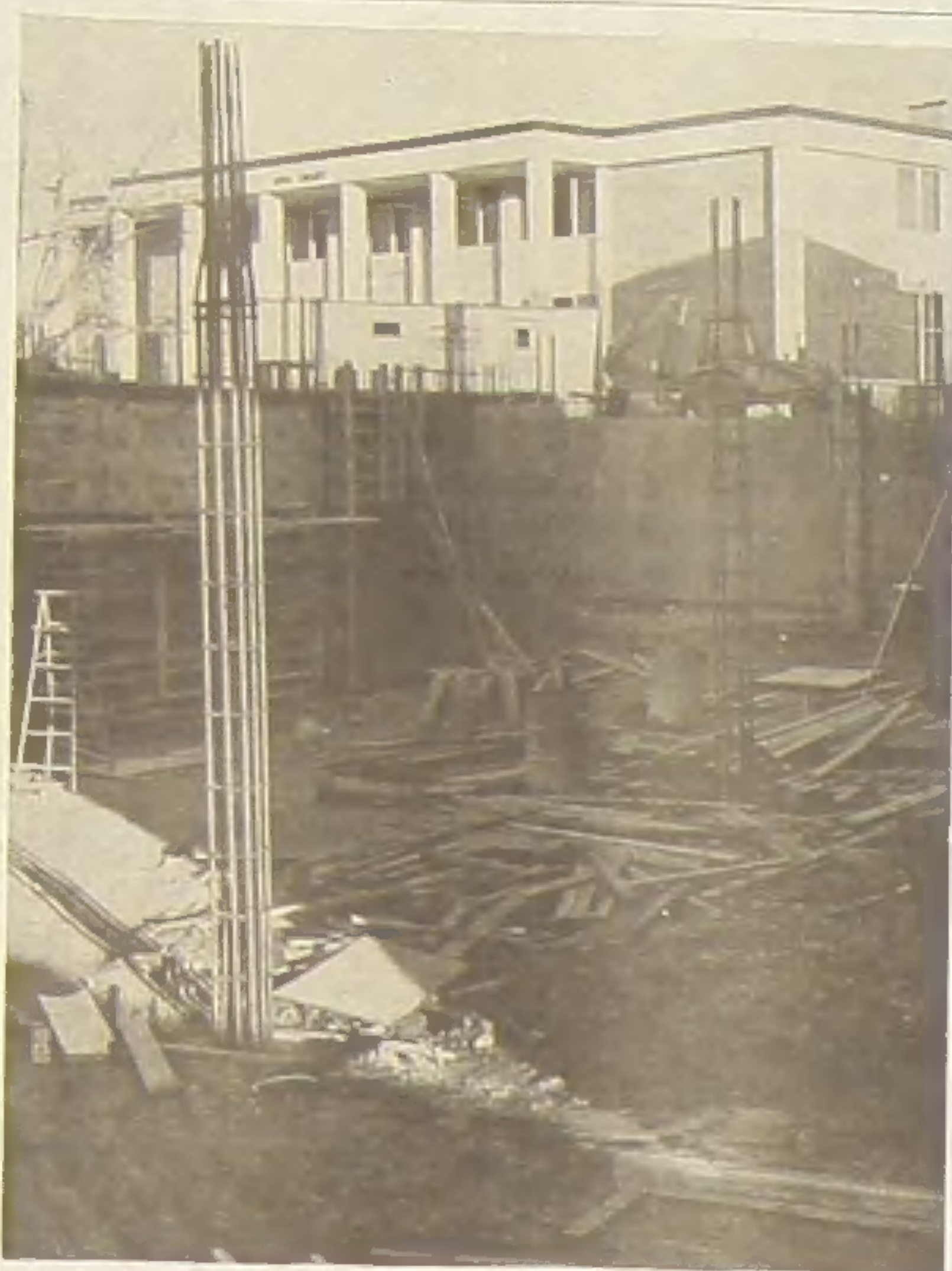
"I don't need the money now," Morgan said. "I needed it when I was a struggling college student. The \$1,000 (award) will take care of the first five years, and I have set money aside for the award to continue."

The award is open to all junior and senior level English majors working toward a B.A. or B.S.E. with a minimum 3.2 grade point average.

Dr. Jimmy Couch, Dr. Doris Walters, and Dr. Dale Simpson will form the committee which will review applications and select the award recipient.

"I do not want to have any part in the actual selection of the winner," Morgan said. "The committee was set up to avoid any idea that favoritism might be involved in the selection of the winner."

Applicants are required to submit a 500-700 word essay concerning any aspect of teaching as a profession. Winner of the award will be announced before the end of the spring semester.



Work continues

Much progress has been made on the Reynolds Hall addition, scheduled to be completed later this year. The addition will provide more laboratory space. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Faculty Senate delays selection of committee

Leon requests postponement until next year

Faculty Senate members voted Monday to postpone a motion to select a new committee to work with the assessment and outcomes program at Missouri Southern.

College President Julio Leon requested that the Senate postpone action on the motion until next year.

"It has to do with practical reasons," said Leon. "The Governor has issued a mandate that assessment programs be in place in one year. Whether he is talking about a full-blown program or not, we don't know. Dr. (Floyd) Belk and others have been relying on the people who designed and implemented our assessment program, and we would like to ask that group to continue to be the faculty representatives—to keep track of what is happening with assessment and to have their expertise available."

Committee members would also be involved in the selection of a director for the assessment and outcomes program.

"In order to finance the assessment program, we made a commitment to use our own funds, and did, but we made a request for funding of \$130,000—what we thought it would cost for a four-year plan."

Part of that plan includes the hiring of a staff director so Dr. Belk's office would not be handling that (assessment).

It is a tremendous task. We need a director and staff to take care of it."

Leon suggested having persons already familiar with the assessment process and research continue with the establishment of the program at this point.

Members of the original committee will be contacted about continuing to work with the assessment programs.

"We have followed precisely the recommendations of the committee," said Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "We would like to continue to do so."

Leon also gave an update on the status of funding for higher education.

"The Governor had recommended a 6.9 per cent increase for Missouri Southern for next year," Leon said. "The only way we can receive that is if the state keeps the windfall (tax revenues). We estimate that if the state does not keep the windfall, funding will probably be the same as last year or maybe a 1 to 1 1/4 per cent increase. The legislative session ends June 15. We may not find out until then."

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student affairs, said the scholarship and awards committee is presently working on the selection of students to receive the Spencer-Bartlett Awards this year.

"We received only eight nominations this year," he said.

Committee to name finalists

Search for director of counseling nears end

In the process of seeking a new director of counseling, the College has narrowed the number of prospective applicants for the position from 30 to six. The position is open because Dr. Eugene Mouser will become registrar July 1.

"We're looking for someone who has experience in counseling," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "We're looking for someone with a doctorate and with administrative counseling experience."

A six-member screening committee consisting of Carnahan, Elaine Freeman, June Freund, Gabriela Wright, Joe Vermillion, and Larry Karst met Friday, March 27 to review the applications for the directorship.

"In addition to meeting with the search committee," said Carnahan, "applicants

will also have meetings with Dr. (Glenn) Dolence, Dr. Mouser, and Dr. (Julio) Leon."

According to Carnahan, the six applicants chosen at the Friday meeting all had doctorates and much experience.

According to Dolence, vice president for student affairs, under a new director, counseling could be expanded to "hopefully" cut the rate of attrition of first-time students.

"We'd like to strengthen cooperation between counseling and the individual departments at the College," said Dolence.

Three of the six finalists will be asked to come to campus for interviews. Carnahan said he hoped all of the interviews would be completed by April 24.

Carnahan said he hopes to have the directorship filled by the end of April.

Alumnus to compose music for bicentennial celebration

In a special recognition of the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, Dr. Hubert Bird has been commissioned to write a new musical composition.

Bird, a 1959 graduate of Joplin Junior College, was offered the commission on behalf of the West Point Military Academy.

The new composition is being titled "Constitution Overture," and will receive its premiere July 4 at Tanglewood in Lenox, Mass. It will be performed by the West Point Band.

A 1957 graduate of Baxter Springs (Kan.) High School, Bird continued his education at Joplin Junior College. While at the college, he studied voice and piano under Oliver and Roberta Sovereign, and composition and music theory under Merrill Ellis.

In 1977 Bird was awarded the doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He currently lives in Keene, N.H., and is a professor of music at Keene State College. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bird of Joplin, formerly of Baxter Springs.

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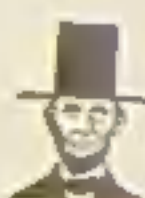
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All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1987 or July, 1987, who have not taken U.S. Govt. or State & Local Govt. in a Missouri college should see Dr. Malzahn, Rm. H-318 on or before April 15 to sign up to take the test.

MBA gains importance

Degree is recognized as ingredient to success

With the MBA widely recognized as a necessary ingredient for success in the corporate world, a recent survey has reinforced that belief.

The Controllers Council of the National Association of Accountants recently surveyed 3,300 of its members. The group surveyed was composed of both controllers with a master's in business administration (52 per cent) and controllers lacking the advanced degree (48 per cent).

In this survey, 48 per cent of the non-MBA controllers believed that not having the MBA made a major difference in their careers by limiting outside job opportunities, while only 14 per cent believed not having an MBA made a difference in past promotions. Thirteen per cent of those surveyed believed past salary increases were negatively impacted because they did not obtain an MBA.

If they were to begin their careers over again, 54 per cent of the non-MBA controllers believed they would try to obtain their MBA, while 96 per cent of the controllers with MBA's said they would. In addition, 69 per cent of the non-MBA's said they would advise their children to obtain their master's.

These results show an employer's preference for people who have obtained the advanced degree over someone who has not. Fifty-six percent of the MBA controllers preferred MBA's for certain positions, compared with only 13 per cent of the non-MBA controllers.

"Undoubtedly, accountants with a master's degree in business administration are in an enviable position in relation to salary increases, promotions, and outside

job opportunities," said Peter Huey, student activities director of the Joplin Tri-State NAA (National Association of Accountants) chapter, and student adviser for the NAA affiliate group at Missouri Southern.

"This is particularly true of those who are employed by the larger companies," he said.

Sixty-two per cent of those polled without MBA's stated not having the degree would limit future outside job opportunities, 24 per cent felt not having the degree would limit promotions, and 20 per cent believed their future salary would be negatively impacted without the degree.

While 55 percent of all survey participants felt most recent MBA graduates were "adequately prepared," only 4 per cent rated them "very well prepared," and almost 25 per cent believed they were "not adequately prepared." The feeling that recent MBA graduates were "adequately prepared" was shared by half of their non-MBA counterparts. Twenty-nine per cent of this group felt the current crop of business school students were "not adequately prepared."

Identified as the most helpful MBA courses by the respondents were accounting, finance, and management.

Currently, the NAA has approximately 90,000 members, making it the world's largest organization of management accountants and financial managers. For more information on how to join the local chapter of the NAA, persons may contact Huey at 624-8100, Ext. 471.



First anniversary KXMS will celebrate its first anniversary on April 5. Here, LaDonna Hempel prepares to play a public service announcement. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Deadline approaches for awards

Every year an outstanding teacher and an outstanding teacher of a freshman class are honored by Missouri Southern and its Foundation.

Nominations for this year's awards are now being accepted by the College.

"The presentation of the 'Outstanding Teacher Awards' is one of our most successful programs," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "This program gives strong support to the recognition of academic excellence on our campus."

The Missouri Southern Foundation provides the funds for the program. An award of \$1,000 is presented to both the outstanding teacher and also to the outstanding teacher of a freshman class.

"It is not a matter of first and second place," said Belk. "Both awards are of equal importance."

While the Foundation supplies the financing, it is the College's responsibility to select the recipients. Belk said the selection committee consists of emeritus faculty and the winners of the award from the last three years.

To be eligible, faculty must be teaching at least six credit hours per semester and must be in at least the third year of teaching at Southern.

Nominations may be made by faculty, alumni, and students. Forms for nominations are available in most buildings on campus.

Forms may be completed and returned to Box 110, Office Services, Hearnes Hall, Room 106. Deadline for nominations is April 22.

Past winners of the general award include Dr. Larry Martin, 1980; Dr. Vonnice Prentice, 1981; Don Seneker, 1982; Dr. Merrell Junkins, 1983; Dr. Charles Leitle, 1984; Dr. Robert Markman, 1985; and Larry Goode, 1986.

Past recipients of the freshman award include Grace Mitchell, 1980; Marilyn Jacobs, 1981; Richard Massa, 1982; Dr. James Jackson, 1983; Dr. Carmen Carney, 1984; Sam Claussen, 1985; and Dr. Henry Morgan, 1986.

Honoring retirees is a concern

Honoring retired faculty members is a concern of Missouri Southern's current faculty.

"While the College officially does not honor its retirees, perhaps their colleagues on the faculty ought to do so," said Dr. Lanny Ackiss, president of the Faculty Senate. "I would like to see the Faculty Senate formally acknowledge retiring faculty colleagues. But the Faculty Senate, the organization itself, has no budget which will allow us to do anything substantial for retirees."

At present, the College does not formally pay tribute to its retirees.

Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, said in the past Southern has had a "relatively small number" of faculty retiring each year. But that number is steadily increasing each year, with five faculty retiring at the end of the current year.

Throughout their College careers, faculty at Southern contribute 9 1/2 per cent of their salaries, which the College matches, to the Public School Retirement System of Missouri, rather than paying the lower percentage to Social Security.

This retirement system was installed by state legislation in 1946 and amended and improved since then, last done so in 1984.

The pension plan benefits are determined by years of service and salary earned. Multiplying the number of years of service by a percentage of the final average salary, or the average monthly salary over the period of the highest five consecutive years of creditable service, gives the amount of a monthly payment.

Normally, the age of 60 years is considered to be the retirement age. Early retirees must have at least 25 years, but no more than 30 years, of creditable service to be able to retire. Upon July 1 following reaching age 70, instructors in the state of Missouri are required by law to retire.

"Often there is some kind of recognition for retirees, either with the whole College or in individual departments," said Douglas Coen, administrative assistant of business affairs.

As for benefits, said Coen, while employed by Southern, faculty are provided with health and life insurance. For health insurance policies, he said retirees may continue at the rate the College paid for the individual faculty member while employed. However, he said those same life insurance rates were at "substantially higher rates."

Two professors out for semester

Two Missouri Southern faculty members will not be returning to work this semester because of illness.

Dr. Carmen Carney, professor of communications, has been advised by her physician to take some time off.

"It is not a life-threatening situation," said Richard W. Massa, head of the communications department. "But it is a serious illness."

The nature of her illness has not been disclosed, and it is not certain yet whether she will return next fall.

Nerida Youst, wife of Donald Youst,

assistant professor of political science, has taken over Carney's Spanish 102 and 201 classes. Mary DeArmond, part-time English instructor, is teaching Carney's novelistic tradition class.

After undergoing open heart surgery following a March 7 heart attack, Dr. Robert Wiley, professor of education, is now recovering at home.

Wiley, 56, said he is getting better and has been told by his doctors to rest and not rush his return to teaching.

Wiley's class load is being divided among other education faculty members.

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plaining. We do have certain disagreements, but are very appreciative of what the College is doing for us."

"The input from the committee was, generally, that it not be a rotating position," Gale said. "Honors directors from other schools were appalled (at the decision). There is evidence nationally that those programs which have been the most successful have a permanent director. An honors program needs someone who will fight for it and carry it through. If the position has to be rotating, it should be for a period of five years."

"There is no position on campus that has as many direct daily contacts with students. Off-campus contacts are also important—high school students are looking for stability. If the position rotates, the director will constantly be in the process of learning and making contacts."

Gale said the five-year period would provide an opportunity for a replacement to be trained and make the transition of directors smoother for all concerned.

"My main concern is the students," Gale said. "I have a strong feeling about the program, and what is best. I understand the rationale, but don't agree. I will do whatever the President wants because that is my role."

"The students are sold on the program," he said. "That is why they stay. If it is not what they came here for, they will go somewhere else. The program has gone far beyond what was ever anticipated. In three years, it has gone further than some have in 20. This has been the most successful program in the history of the College. We have had inquiries from people who are starting programs and want to know about our program."

Gale said he was confident Ackiss would do a good job as director, and was pleased with the appointment of an assistant director.

"I have recommended for two years that there be an assistant director," he said. "It is a positive, good move. I also recommended that the office should be moved out of the English department. Some things they are doing, I feel very positive about."

The office for the honors program is tentatively scheduled to move to Room 115 of Hearnes Hall.

Belk said the program needed two faculty members.

"The position is so large and all-consuming that faculty members can't keep up in their discipline," he said.

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Don't cancel the cookout

As Spring Fling Week approaches, many Missouri Southern students are looking forward to the annual cookout. However, to the disappointment of those students, the traditional cookout will not be held this year.

According to the Campus Activities Board, other activities will take place throughout the week as usual, but due to high prices and budget cuts the cookout has been cancelled. While it may well be necessary to trim the corners on Spring Fling Week, why trim the cookout? Each year students anticipate the week of events, but what do they remember from year to year—yes, the cookout. They don't remember the opportunity to guess the number of "gummy" bears in a jar or the opportunity to decorate their very own cookie. They remember having lunch with their friends in a relaxing and entertaining environment. This allows them to break free from the everyday routine of the cafeteria or the Lions' Den.

Each semester, full-time students pay \$15 in activity fees. The CAB receives 80 per cent of the money, the Student Senate 20 per cent. The CAB then uses this money to sponsor events such as concerts, movies, dances, and the Spring Fling. Due to the scheduling of these events, they are usually more accessible to and primarily attended by dormitory students, not commuter students.

Because dormitory students are somewhat more restricted to the campus than commuter students, the scheduling of events is not entirely unfair. This was probably taken into consideration when cancelling the cookout. The rationale was that dormitory students would have a free lunch on the Friday of Spring Fling Week anyway, so why not cut the cookout and replace it with a multitude of high schoolish events?

Many commuter students only have the opportunity to attend select activities on campus in the spring, and one of those is the cookout. With its cancellation, many commuter students will be left out this year. Is this fair, considering there are approximately 2,700 full-time students on campus and only about 550 of those are dormitory students?

Southern, too, has a large number of non-traditional students. In most cases, other CAB events cater to the traditional student, not the non-traditional. Most non-traditionals do not attend the concerts or dances, so where is their activity fee going? Certainly not to the cookout. By cancelling the cookout, the CAB has cancelled many of the non-traditionals on campus.

Serious reconsideration should be given to the recalling of the cookout. It is an event which provides a change of pace and is enjoyed by the majority of the students as well as the faculty. This year, though, in typical Missouri Southern fashion, something fun has been taken away, only to be replaced by the same old thing.



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Editor confronts teenage pregnancy

By Pat Halverson
Editor-in-Chief

While sitting around the office trying to decide what to write a column about, discussion turned to the subject of teenage pregnancy.

Unfortunately, teenage pregnancy is common among high school girls and young college women. It affects not only the pregnant young women, but the young men who father the children, their parents, and their families.

Hopefully, the incidence of unwanted pregnancy at Missouri Southern is not high. But when it does occur the young people involved, whether in high school or college, are scared. The possibility of pregnancy becomes the reality of a baby, and decisions have to be made.

I have no intention of arguing the pros and cons of abortion in this column. But after some deliberation, I have decided to share my own experience and offer some suggestions.

One of the most immediate problems of a pregnant teenager is telling her parents. Tell them. Most parents are not, contrary to popular belief,



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insensitive ogres. Knowing their child has made a mistake does not make parents stop loving that child. Parents can be an important source of support and encouragement in a crisis.

When my teenage daughter told me she was pregnant last fall, my first instinct (after crying) was to insist that she do what I thought best. After the initial shock was over, I realized that even though I was sure of my own values and beliefs, forcing my daughter to make a decision based on my beliefs would not work. It was not my baby, my body, or my future involved in the decision. Talk about the realities of the situation and get outside help if it is needed.

No one should be pressured into a decision on the basis of what other people think or believe. The decision to have a baby or an abortion can affect the mother for the rest of her life—whether she decides to have the baby or the abortion.

The father of the baby should also have an opportunity to express his feelings about the pregnancy. Many teenage fathers will deny responsibility for the pregnancy, are not in a financial position to accept any responsibility, or their families may encourage them not to accept responsibility. Others may want to be included in decisions and plans. The idea of being a father can be just as overwhelming to a young man as being a mother

is for a young woman. The final decision about the pregnancy rests with the mother, and she needs information and support to make a decision. It is easy to know what to do when it happens to someone else, but not so easy when it happens to you.

My daughter was counseled by a young woman who asked questions—about feelings, attitudes, school, future plans, and the situation itself. The counselor did not try to influence the decision, but attempted to make my daughter aware of choices—and the possible results of those choices.

High schools now have support groups for pregnant teenagers and young mothers trying to finish their education. In advanced pregnancy and after delivery, home-bound teachers are available until the mother is able to return to school. Adoption counseling is also available.

Kaleb Nathaniel is now four months old. He laughs out loud at his mother, makes noises, and does all the things that make babies adorable. He also does all the things that make babies not-so-adorable. I am sometimes amazed at my daughter's patience, especially when I remember how little I sometimes had with my children when I was much older.

Kaleb's mother has given up much of her own childhood. Their future is uncertain (but isn't everyone's?). She made the decision—not me, not her father, not the counselor. I am proud of her. And I don't think anyone could convince her that she made the wrong choice.

Eating disorders no longer a rarity

By Larry Karst
Counselor

The purpose of this column is to alert and inform the MSSC student population of several medical/psychological phenomena that have become pandemic among college age students, particularly women. Just a short time ago, Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia, and Bulimarexia were relatively rare eating disorders in that only occasional cases were reported by medical practitioners or outlined in relevant medical and psychological journals. Unhappily, these eating disorders are no longer a rarity. It has been estimated that as many as 60 million persons are affected.

It is most difficult and perhaps impossible to determine why the incidence of eating disorders



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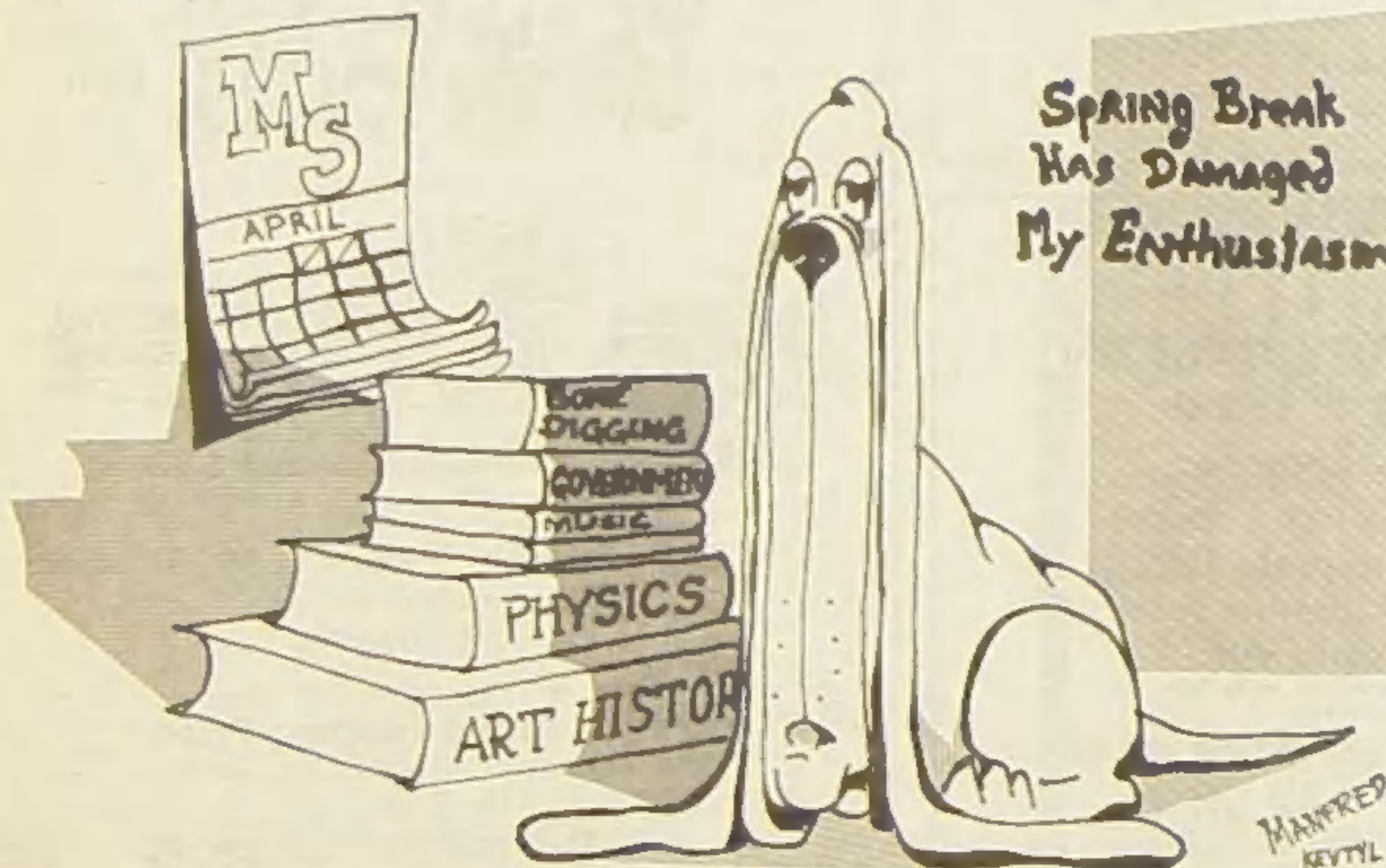
has recently escalated. A primary hypothesis for the increase is that college age women are perhaps overly aware and concerned relative to their respective body images. Popular trends in this nation are undeniably related to a preoccupation with fitness, health, diet, thinness, fashion, and athletics. Perhaps through personal identification with these modern trends, eating disorders among college women have increased dramatically.

Although collectively defined as eating disorders, the three major types are vastly different in "pure form." Eating disorders are a group of overlapping entities which range from Anorexia Nervosa (weight loss due to restricted eating) to Bulimia (compulsive overeating and dieting) to Bulimarexia (compulsive binge eating/purging). Modern trends indicate that the pure forms are less common today than just a few years ago as many patients manifest mixed symptoms of these disorders.

Bulimarexia, which is perhaps the most common disorder, consists of periods of food gorging which are followed by some form of purging which may include self-induced vomiting, the use of laxatives, diuretics, diet pills, and excessive exercise. This becomes an "addictive" binge/purge cycle that may range from one to two times per week to 20 times per day. These bizarre methods allow the person to maintain desired body weight. Without effective treatment, Bulimarexia can cause death due to cardiac arrest and/or kidney failure. Similar causes of death are also attributed to Bulimia and Anorexia.

In contrast to the binge eating that characterizes Bulimia and Bulimarexia, Anorexia Nervosa is essentially a process of self-starvation which results in excessive weight loss. The resultant starvation is usually of high quality as the protein and vitamin/mineral intake is near normal despite an extremely low carbohydrate intake. Unlike Bulimia and Bulimarexia which are characterized

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A day at the Capitol with Sen. Richard Webster

Carthage legislator has a full schedule

Richard M. Webster (R-Carthage) has represented southwest Missouri at the State Capitol since 1948, when he was first elected to the House. He was elected to the Senate in 1962 and has served there since. As Missouri's senior senator, his power and influence are felt throughout the state. Mark Mulik of The Chart staff recently spent a day at the Capitol observing Webster's activities. Here is his story:

Surprises are usually the order of the day for Sen. Richard M. Webster, who involves himself in a "complete" schedule of activities.

"What you do in a day," said Webster, "you never know on a Monday or a Tuesday or any day—what you're really going to do."

8:30 a.m.—Webster arrives in his office, Room 331 of the State Capitol. He has no early morning appointments. He said he has morning appointments at least two times per week.

While he has time to "rest," the Senator digs through the contents of his desk, trying to locate necessary memorandums, resolutions, and notes for the day's work.

Much of his desk is covered with pieces of mail, scattered among miscellaneous books, paperweights, trinkets, and a dozen other items.

The wall space of his office is swallowed up by at least 50 framed items, including portraits, posters, photographs, certificates, and awards. A three-foot tall portrait of President Abraham Lincoln resides on the wall behind his desk.

Webster said the portrait was given to him 13 years ago, and since then he has received Lincoln items from many people.

As for Webster, his physical appearance is similar to Lincoln's, but he does not have a beard.

The Senator brought out a photograph of when he wore a beard. In this photograph he closely resembled Lincoln. Webster, in fact, portrayed Lincoln in a 1962 Joplin Little Theatre production.

9:18—Webster begins to tell of a humorous award which is to be presented during the day's Senate session. Called the "Wise One of the Month Award," and/or "The Owl Award," it originated when Webster's secretary, June Burgess, got in to ceramic works and made a two-foot tall ceramic owl. She gave this owl to the Senator for his showing "great wisdom." Webster, in turn, said he really did not want the owl and made up the "Wise One of the Month Award" in order to give the owl to another senator.

Sen. Edwin Dirck (D-St. Louis County) was presented with the award for the

month of January, Webster said, because of his "great wisdom" in quitting smoking, then introducing a bill which raises the tax on cigarettes.

9:27—Webster calls Sen. James Mathewson, the majority floor leader (D-Sedalia), to check the schedule for the 10 a.m. Senate session.

"He (Mathewson) and I confer every day about what we're going to take up," said Webster.

9:33—Rep. James Barnes (D-Raytown) stops by with a representative of the American Ex-POW organization, Roy Pendergast. Pendergast said his organization wants to make April 9 an official day of remembrance within the state. He said this could be a memorial for the loss of 25,582 Allied forces lives when the Japanese took over the Philippines in 1942.

9:50—Pat Michelson, administrative assistant to Webster, comes in, gives him a resolution concerning the "Wise One of the Month Award," then leaves. The Senator reads over the resolution and corrects a few things as he reads.

9:52—Webster receives a phone call from Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler), who was returning a phone call made by Michelson for Webster.

"Got time to listen to a resolution?" Webster asks Caskey over the phone.

He proceeds to read from the resolution written by him: "Whereas on Jan. 7, 1987, there was established in the Missouri Senate a new and glorious tradition to be known as the 'Owl Award,' and whereas the Owl Award was to be presented each month to a member of the Senate who had been endorsed by the all-powerful, universal master with the highest degree of wisdom..."

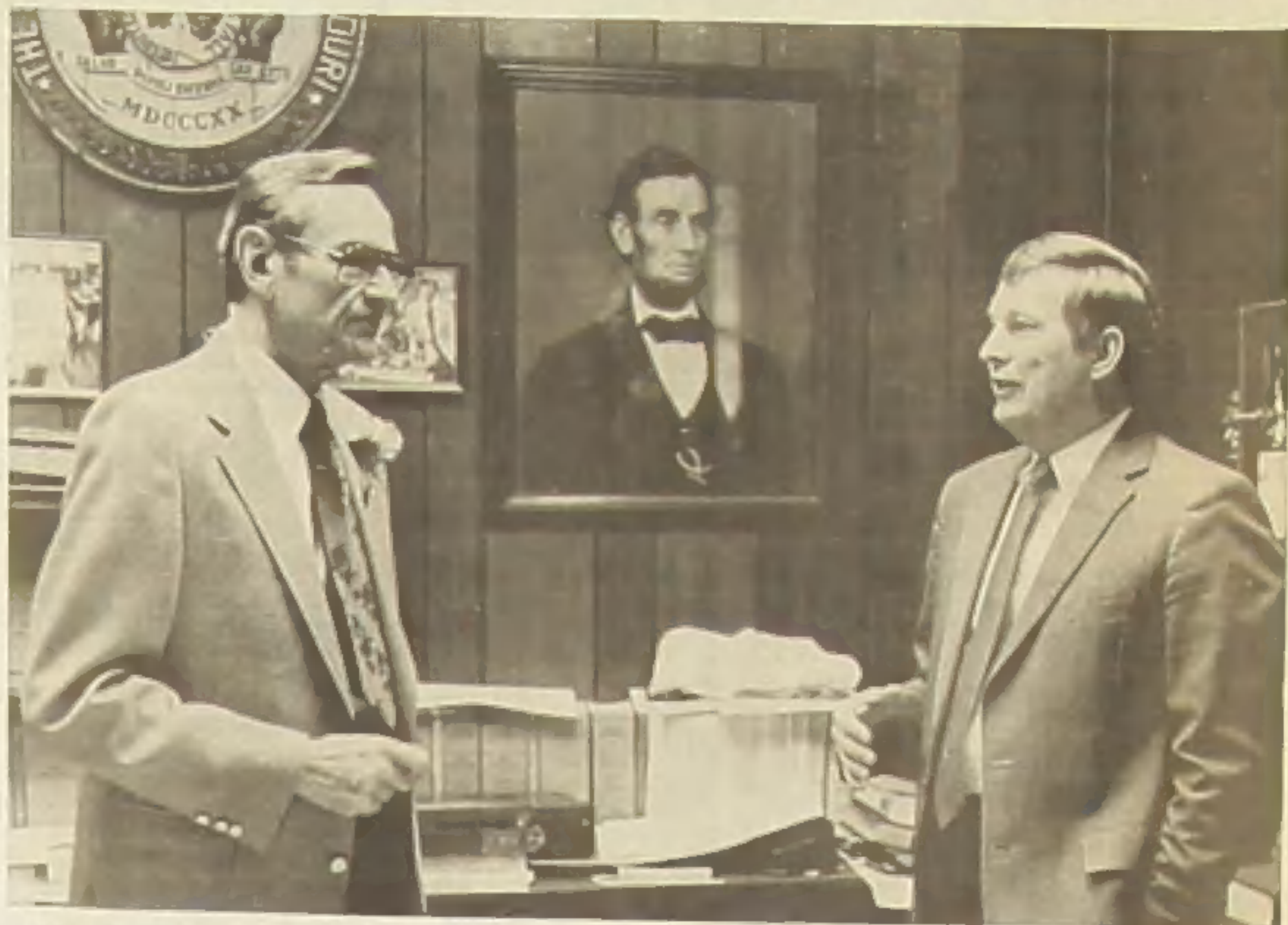
The resolution explains that Sen. Dirck has won the award for the second consecutive month, February, and if he does not get together with the "Wise One of the Month" committee by March 31, he will automatically become the "Wise One of the Month" for March, thus becoming the "Wise One of the Quarter."

After reading the resolution to Caskey, Webster ends the phone call.

"It's a humorous award," said Webster. "It's meant to ease tension on the floor."

9:57—State Treasurer Wendell Bailey stops by and speaks with Webster in a closed conversation.

10:00—After Bailey leaves, Webster goes to the Senate chamber, where the morning session is in progress. Burgess said sessions normally do not begin until eight or 10 minutes after the time at which they are scheduled to begin.



10:20—The "Wise One of the Month" resolution is read before the Senate. Laughter and discussion are heard throughout the reading.

Discussion on the resolution takes about 15 minutes. The resolution is voted upon and passes, nearly unanimously (Dirck is the lone dissenter). Dirck is then designated to select the "next wisest" senator to receive the award.

10:34—The discussion becomes serious as a report is read concerning the stabbing and shooting of a Missouri highway patrolman. The report said the trooper was in critical condition.

10:38—A bill enters discussion on the floor. Senate Bill No. 313 involves bank mergings, corporate power in banking, and full-branch banking. Discussion on this bill continues almost up to the end of the session at 11:45 a.m.

Regularly during the session, Webster gets up and leaves the chamber, to return five to 15 minutes later each time. He leaves the chamber and returns three times during the session.

Webster said the reason for his stepping out was to attend meetings which were scheduled during the session. He said it is regular for a senator to have meetings while the Senate is in session. He said he also leaves the chamber in order to meet with constituents.

11:45—The Senate recesses until 3 p.m. Webster said he will attend an invitation-only birthday party (luncheon) for Sen. Mathewson during the noon hour. The party is not to be within the Capitol.

11:55—Webster stops by a meeting of the budget control committee in the office of Dirck, committee chairman. He stays for a moment to present a bill, then leaves, returning to his office.

12:02 p.m.—Rep. Henry Rizzo (D-Kansas City) stops by for a meeting with Webster. Rizzo is currently in the process of presenting his first pieces of legislation to the House. This legislation (House Bills No. 49 and 51) deals with the abuse of prescribed medicines and the sale and narcotic use of tulsool, or airplane glue. Rizzo is a freshman representative and has asked Webster for his assistance with this legislation.

12:16—Rizzo leaves, and Webster departs for Mathewson's birthday party.

1:10—Webster returns to his office.

1:31—The Senator receives a phone call from Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville) in reference to the possible creation of one additional appeals court judge post for Newton and Barry counties to help lighten caseloads.

Webster said Newton and Barry coun-



(Top) Sen. Richard Webster (left) converses with Missouri state treasurer Wendell Bailey. (Above, from left) Rep. Robert Barney (D-Dexter), Webster, and Tim Tipton, administrative assistant to Sen. John Scott (president pro tem of the senate), listen during a committee meeting dealing with state liability insurance.

ties have the heaviest caseloads in the state. Newton, the 40th circuit district, has the heaviest, and Barry, the 39th circuit district, has the second heaviest.

1:26—After taking a telephone call, he "rests" in his chair, looking through articles of mail. Most of this "pressure mail," as Webster calls it, is sent by constituents wanting him in vote for or against some particular bill.

Webster said he receives much mail which is not even in the form of a letter, just pieces cut out of someone's literature.

"Some companies tell their employees, 'Write the following letter to your senator. They just write down the letter, word-for-word, on their own stationery and send it to me."

"Then I get 50 identical letters—those I pitch in the waste basket," said Webster. "If they don't have time enough to do it on their own, I know they really don't know what the issue is."

1:42—The conference committee on state liability insurance meets in the office of Sen. Truman Wilson (D-St. Joseph). According to Webster, the committee, consisting of five senators and five representatives, has different members for each piece of legislation discussed.

The discussion at this meeting involves lawsuits against the state and punitive damages awarded in cases in Missouri courts. Webster brings up the problem with the heptachlor contaminated milk, and the lawsuits filed involving consumption of contaminated milk.

2:30—After the meeting's adjournment, the Senator returns to his office. There he meets with Sen. Jeremiah Nixon (D-Hillsboro) and joins in private conversation with him. After speaking with Webster for about three minutes, Nixon leaves.

2:35—Again, Webster confers in private—this time with Bob Griffin, Speaker of the House. The two speak for about five minutes, then Griffin leaves.

2:40—Tom Deuschle, a member of Gov. Ashcroft's staff, calls.

2:44—Sen. Pat Danner (D-Smithville) stops by, converses with Webster for a few

minutes, then leaves.

2:48—Deuschle stops by to engage in private discussion with the Senator.

The Senator's office is busy. People come in for a minute or two, then leave, directing questions toward Michelson, since Webster is in conference, and also because, as said Webster, she knows everything about state government and is "totally loyal" to him.

2:50—Dr. Shaila Aery, commissioner for higher education, comes into the office. She waits for about five minutes. Unable to converse with the Senator, since he is still in conference, she leaves.

3:00—The Senate begins to go into its afternoon session. Webster is still in conference with Deuschle.

3:20—Webster finishes speaking with Deuschle and heads for the Senate chamber.

3:30—The Senate has been discussing a resolution dealing with the state lottery (Senate Joint Resolution No. 8). The resolution includes details of the possibility of multi-state lotteries.

"This bill just makes it permissive to establish an interstate lottery," said Dirck, who introduced the bill. "It does, in no way, establish an interstate lottery."

As with the morning session, Webster steps in and out, meeting with other legislators.

4:00—The bill is amended in a section dealing with lottery advertisement, then the resolution is approved.

4:04—Another discussion on the lottery begins, this debate to decide whether the state treasurer or the lottery commission should hold income monies from the lottery.

5:45—The Senate adjourns until 10 a.m. the next morning.

5:51—Webster leaves the Capitol, having a committee meeting at 6 p.m. He said committee meetings in the evening can last until 10 p.m.

After any night meetings or appointments, Webster goes "home" to his Jefferson City apartment and tries to get the sleep necessary to handle another day as a state legislator.



(Above) Webster and Rep. Henry Rizzo (D-Kansas City) discuss Rizzo's bill concerning abuse of prescribed medicines. (Below) Webster meets with Roy Pendergast, a representative of the American Ex-POW organization.



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Zeigler is 'Mr. 10' of 1987

Kevin Zeigler, a senior physical education major, was named "Mr. 10" Monday night in the sixth annual "Mr. 10" contest held at Missouri Southern.

Thirteen men competed for the title this year in three different categories: business suit, swimsuit, and talent.

Zeigler, sponsored by Olympic Fitness Center, was also named the winner of the swimsuit and business suit competition.

First runner-up was Mark Bostick, a sophomore computer science major sponsored by Kathy Modica. Second runner-up was Greg Dageforde, a senior communications major sponsored by the football team. Third runner-up was Marvin Townsend, a senior communications major sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Townsend was also named winner of the talent contest.

Fourth runner-up was James Galloway, a sophomore criminal justice major sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Johnie Hodges, sponsored by Dillon's, was the non-finalist talent winner. Todd Ketchum, sponsored by the football team, was the non-finalist business suit winner. Todd Good, sponsored by the Student Senate, was the non-finalist swimsuit winner.

The contest is a scholarship benefit sponsored by the Miss Twin Counties Pageant.



Regional meeting

(From left) Robert Stokes, Michael Garoutte, Steve Thomas, and Anna Miller recently participated in a regional meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The meeting was held at Missouri Southern, and was sponsored by the College's honors program. Stokes, Garoutte, and Miller are Southern students. Thomas attends the University of Missouri at Kansas City. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

Group helps handicapped cope

Council for Exceptional Children is for special education teachers

By George Kelly
Staff Writer

School-age, physically handicapped children are learning to cope with their disabilities with help from members of the Council for Exceptional Children.

"The CEC is a professional organization for special education teachers," said Dr. Carol Anderson, associate professor of education and faculty sponsor. "It prepares future teachers for the profession of teaching handicapped children."

Although most chapters of the CEC are composed of professional teachers, the chapter at Missouri Southern serves as a student organization.

"We are one chapter of several professional organizations," said Anderson.

The organization, which was established nationally in the 1920's, is open to all education students. However, most members are students who plan to teach handicapped children.

Anderson said the group has about 20 active members.

Nationally recognized active members have paid memberships. The rates for national membership are reduced for student members.

"The active members receive two journals each month and are given reduced rates at national conferences," said Anderson.

Chapter members recently returned from the state conference that was held at the Lake of the Ozarks.

"We plan to send six people to Chicago for the next national CEC conference," Anderson said. "At the conference, students will attend meetings on topics such as teaching, new research findings, and problems of teaching exceptional children."

The CEC applies for Student Senate grants, and occasionally conducts fund-raisers.

"The College suggests we have one fund-raiser per semester," said Anderson. "Last fall we held drawings for merchandise that was donated by local merchants."

For the third consecutive year, the

Special Olympics will be held at Southern's Fred Hughes Stadium. The date is set for Friday, April 10. CEC members volunteer their services for the games.

Elected officers for this year are Leasa Ryan, president; Michele Raine, vice president; and Shelly Cox, secretary/treasurer.

The CEC conducts a lunch meeting the second Thursday of each month at Taylor Hall.

"The members prepare a lunch for our meetings, and we have a guest speaker at each one," Anderson said. "Anyone can attend the meetings."

The organization is currently concerned with the recruitment of freshmen and sophomore students. It hopes to familiarize new students with the organization through the freshman orientation program.

"We have an excellent organization," said Anderson. "The students are really committed."

Two-day 'crisis' workshop will be held

Crisis Intervention, Inc. of Joplin and Missouri Southern's psychology department will be hosting a two-day workshop on the subjects of codependency, chemical dependency, denial, and crack. The workshop will be Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10.

Melody Lynn Beattie, writer, of Stillwater, Minn., who will be speaking at the workshop, has written most on codependency, or lack of caring for one's self.

Beattie has lectured nationally on the subjects she is planning to speak on and has written national magazine and

newspaper articles including "A Promise of Sanity."

Beattie, who authored *Codependent No More*, will give two presentations in Taylor Hall Room 113—the first from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and the second from 9 a.m. to noon Friday. The workshop is free of charge.

"The Thursday evening session is open to the public," said Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology. "The Friday session is particularly open to professionals, but anyone may attend."

Beattie has a background in the chemical dependency field. She has worked in

treatment centers and with chemically dependent persons and codependents since 1975. Beattie is a recovering alcoholic, addict, and codependent who has continued to stay involved in the recovery process of others.

"Codependency is kind of a buzz word right now," Paige said. "We thought we would bring her in to inform us more."

Paige said over 1,000 advertisements were sent out across Missouri and into some of the surrounding states.

Crisis Intervention, Inc. is a service of the Ozark Mental Health Center at St. John's Regional Medical Center. Its purpose is to refer persons with problems to others who may help them. Crisis Intervention has an assistance number, 781-2255, which is operated by volunteers on a 24-hour basis.

Club desires better image for members

By Lora Marsh
Staff Writer

Once called the Future Secretaries Association, it is now the Collegiate Secretaries International.

The name change has come about due to reorganization of the national group, Professional Secretaries International.

"We also expect an increase in dues," said Edith Compton, faculty adviser.

The current dues are \$10 a year for new members and \$8 a year for returning members. This includes both the national and local cost.

"I'm afraid it will cause a decrease in membership," said Compton. There are currently 12 active members.

The group was founded on April 10, 1980, as the Future Secretaries Association. Its primary purpose was to "provide leadership in a learning and social environment."

Professional Secretaries International, founded as the National Secretaries Association, was established to improve the image of the secretary.

"A secretary is more of a business administrator now," said Compton.

Students must have a 2.0 grade point average and be a declared office administration or business education major to become a member.

The club usually attends the national conference, but did not this year because it was held in Puerto Rico. At last year's conference in Denver, members met Rue McClanahan of *Golden Girls* fame, Dick Van Patten, Gregory Harrison, and Hulk Hogan.

"It's a good experience for the girls," said Compton. "It gives them a chance to meet and learn from other members from all over the country."

The group holds several fund-raising activities each year, including an ongoing typing service. Anyone needing something typed should take it to Compton in her office, Matthews Hall Room 321. It will be typed for \$1 a page.

"Advance notice is always appreciated," said Compton.

The group has also sold fruitcakes at Thanksgiving and Christmas for the past few years and this year sold candy bars.

An alumni party has been held the past two years by the organization.

"We really keep up with our graduates," said Compton. "We encourage them to bring wedding pictures and baby pictures for our scrapbook, and we keep an updated file of addresses and jobs."

The group also gives a scholarship to a member based on need.

The alumni party is tentatively scheduled for May 2 in Matthews Hall "to give them a chance to see the new facilities."

The group's officers are Marcia Mitchell, president; Debra Arnold, vice president; and Leslie Bottom, secretary.



Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, recently presented a slide show on his summer travels to England. The show was sponsored by Southern's International Club. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

Upcoming Events

Today	English Club noon BSC 311	Newman Club 5 p.m. BSC 311	Baseball vs. Oklahoma 6 p.m. away
Tomorrow	District Music Festival 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous noon BSC 306	Softball round robin tournament
Weekend	District Music Festival 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sat.	Baseball double-header vs. School of the Ozarks 1:30 p.m., Saturday away	Baseball double-header vs. Mo. Western 1:30 p.m., Sunday here
Monday	CAB activity: 'Make your own float' approx. 10:35 a.m. Lions' Den	Baseball Baseball	Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC 311
Tuesday	Care Club 7 p.m. BSC 311	Movies	Movie 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre QUICKSILVER
Wednesday	CAB April-May Birthday Party 10:45 a.m. Lions' Den	Alcoholics Anonymous noon BSC 313	International Club 2:30 p.m. BSC 306

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Professor displays sabbatical work Fowler changes bronzes to 'fit personalities' of children's poem

By Tammy Baker
Staff Writer

In an effort to enlarge on his own knowledge and to improve his teaching skills, Jon Fowler, head of the art department, took a sabbatical last semester.

His sabbatical project, which was titled "Eight Equine Bronzes," dealt entirely with young horses.

Seven of the eight bronzes were a series with the child's poem, *Monday's Child*, in mind.

"I took the horses and changed them to fit the personalities of the children in the poem," said Fowler.

The eighth statue is a bust of an Arabian foal.

The exhibit, which is being displayed at the Art Works Gallery, Inc., will be shown through Wednesday.

"Although sabbaticals are usually given on a regular basis, they must be applied for and approved by the dean of the school, the College vice president, the College president, and a sabbatical committee," said Fowler.

"I had to request the leave, state what

the project would consist of, state the benefits to the College and students, and then outline the finished project," Fowler said.

While preparing for the project he learned equine anatomy, muscle structure, the confirmation and actual construction of clay models, and ways to make appropriate molds, cast bronze, and color the bronze.

"I was also able to travel, see different foundries and museums, and view many different bronzes," said Fowler.

"After visiting the foundries and museums, I came back to the studio at my home and began working on my project," he said. "The average time I spent on each of the eight statues was approximately 70 hours."

According to Fowler, there is much involved in producing bronze statues.

First, the artist makes a clay mold which is then covered with rubber to form a new rubber mold. The clay mold is then destroyed.

Next, hot wax is poured into the rubber mold and then cooled.

The wax is then removed from the rubber mold and covered with a ceramic

mold. The wax is then melted, which leaves a cavity in the ceramic mold.

Next, the bronze is then poured in the ceramic mold and cooled. It is then removed and finished, which includes grinding and polishing.

The next step is to cover the bronze with a mixture of acids, called patina, in order to promote oxidation, turning the bronze to its blue color.

The last step in the process is to seal the bronze statue in wax to hold the color.

According to Fowler, each of the eight statues is the first in an edition of 50.

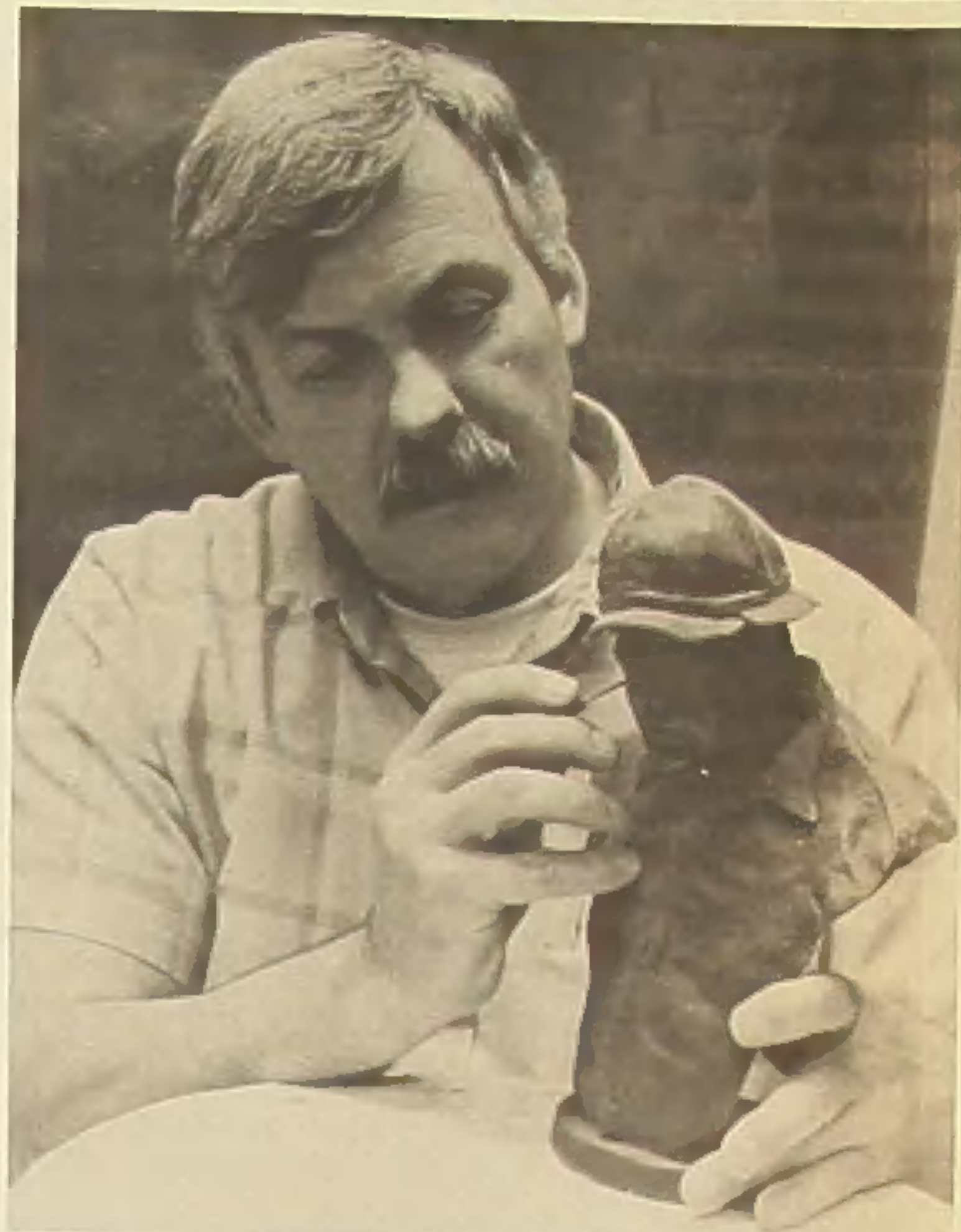
"When the number has been reached, the mold will be destroyed," he said.

"This is a very long and expensive endeavor," Fowler said. "I was able to finance this project from patrons and sponsors who will purchase my art."

According to Fowler, many of techniques he learned could be incorporated into his classes.

"At least 90 per cent of what I learned I can use in my sculpting classes," he said.

"I think it helps students when they can see a teacher produce art as well as teach it to them," Fowler said.



Jon Fowler

Theatre department to honor Brietzkes

In recognition of their years of service to Missouri Southern, Milton and Trij Brietzke will be honored with a dinner theatre on Tuesday, April 14.

After 31 years of service in Southern's theatre department, the Brietzkes are retiring.

The Alumni Association is sponsoring the dinner theatre as a way of thanking the Brietzkes for all their help in the past.

"Every year we hold a dinner theatre as an alumni social event," said Marilyn Ruestman, chairman of the activities

committee for the Alumni Association board of directors, "and Mr. and Mrs. Brietzke have always been very helpful."

The dinner theatre will also be a way to thank everyone else who has assisted the Alumni Association throughout the year.

The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Phinney Recital Hall and will be catered by the American Management Food Service.

After the dinner, Southern's theatre department will present *A Funny Thing*

Happened on the Way to the Forum in Taylor Auditorium.

Invitations were sent out to all alumni, faculty members, and members of the College Board of Regents. However, the dinner theatre is open to the public.

Tickets for the dinner theatre are \$12.50, and all reservations should be made by Friday, April 10. Reservations may be made by contacting the Alumni Association.

Department will host festival

High school vocal and instrumental music students will be holding their annual District Music Festival tomorrow and Saturday at Missouri Southern.

"The festival is a way for the students to show their talents," said Pete Havelly, head of the fine arts department at Southern.

The students will be performing in several events. Each event can be either vocal or instrumental.

Each performance will be rated and receive a grade of excellent (I), superior (II), good (III), or fair (IV). During each round any number of performers can receive each rank.

"The festival isn't a competition," said Havelly, "but a way for each student to get their talents evaluated."

The festival runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and will be held in the Spiva Art Center, Hearnes Hall, and the Young Gymnasium.

Society presents English film

'Passport to Pimlico' is satire on British government

Presenting the 12th program in the current film festival, the British comedy *Passport To Pimlico* will be sponsored by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

The comedy will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Passport To Pimlico is a satire on the British government and one of the Ealing comedies to receive both critical and financial acclaim in the U.S. The plot involves a section of London whose in-

habitants uncover an ancient document allocating their neighborhood to the Realm of Burgundy. The community then tries to secede.

Time Magazine declared the film "...a one-way ticket to some of the hilarious screen fun to come out of Great Britain since the war."

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens or students. Children are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.



Play

(Left) Gina Robbins, Victoria Goff, Melissa Cytron, and Vicki Denefrio in a scene from "The Coal Diamond," directed by Rob Luther. Melissa Cytron and Gina Robbins also from "The Coal Diamond." (Chart photos by Rick Evans)



Official Nomination Outstanding Teacher Award

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Department:

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Signature:

If a student or member of the alumni, please identify the class or classes taken from this professor.

Return to Box 110, Office Services, Hearnes Hall, Room 106, no later than Wednesday, April 22, 1987.

Coming Attractions

KANSAS CITY	Kansas City Symphony Friday & Saturday Lyric Theatre	The Beaux Arts Trio Saturday Folly Theatre	The Children's Series Sunday Folly Theatre	The Odd Couple Tuesday Tiffany's Attic dinner theatre
	The Lettermen with K.C. Symphony April 8 Midland Theatre	The Diary of Anne Frank plays through April 18 The Coterie Children's Theatre	Biloxi Blues begins April 25 Midland Theatre	Doug Henning magician May 1 Music Hall
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Tulsa	Lorin Hollander with Okla. Sinfonia today Brady Theatre (918)585-3100	Stanley Jordan Sunday Chapman Music Hall	Otis Day & The Knights April 10 Brady Theatre	Dwight Yoakam April 16 Brady Theatre
Branson	Ray Stevens Saturday Celebrity Theatre	Roy Clark April 11 Celebrity Theatre	Mel Tillis April 17 Celebrity Theatre	Dottie West April 18 Celebrity Theatre

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Empire District makes \$7 million expansion

Structure will house 'about 180 employees'

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

Looking ahead for the next 15 years, Empire District Electric Company is making a \$7 million expansion to its current facilities.

According to Empire spokesman E.L. Pflug, offices that are now in several locations around the downtown Joplin area will be pulled together and into the new structure.

"We have the lowest rates for electric service in the four-state area. Some 90 per cent (of the companies in the nation) have higher average rates than Empire. This is a contributing factor to our stock strength."

—E. L. Pflug, spokesman for Empire District

"When we move into the new building, we will have about 180 employees (in the building)," Pflug said. "They've had offices around town for the last few years. It's (a move) more or less to improve the productivity and put everyone under the same roof."

In addition to locating many of the employees in a central office, many of the employees will have more working space. "The original building was built for about 60 people," Pflug said. "They finally had about 120 employees in there."

Pflug said the new structure is being built with the intent to satisfy the future space needs of the company.

"They decided they needed to take care of requirements as far as expansion for the next 10 to 15 years," he said.

According to Pflug, Empire has been "studying on and off for the need of a new corporate headquarters building about 20 years."

The four-story addition will provide Empire with another 3,500 square feet. A two-level parking garage for many of the employees will stretch from the east side near Sixth and Wall to Hooker Pioneer Super Service at Seventh and Wall. Pflug expects the drive-up payment service to be more convenient than the previous one.

"This (parking garage) should also help other people in the downtown area," Pflug said. "There used to be a problem with the drive-up. This one should not create

a jam-up on the streets."

Pflug said the addition should be positive for the downtown Joplin area. He believes the building will improve the downtown appearance and increase the traffic flow in the area.

"The company thought about going somewhere on the edge of town," Pflug said. "They then decided not to abandon another building."

"We were hopeful, too, that the investment in downtown Joplin will help with

the business."

Pflug said the addition is part of the steadily increasing service Joplin has been receiving since electric companies began in the city.

"Joplin started off with a private company in about 1887," Pflug said. "Two guys named Murphy and Sergeant—they put together a street lighting system downtown. A number of operations grew up like that."

In 1909, Empire started by taking five small companies. They even put a company in Baxter (Springs, Kan.) to serve the mining."

Even with a \$7 million addition, Empire has one of the lowest electrical services in the nation.

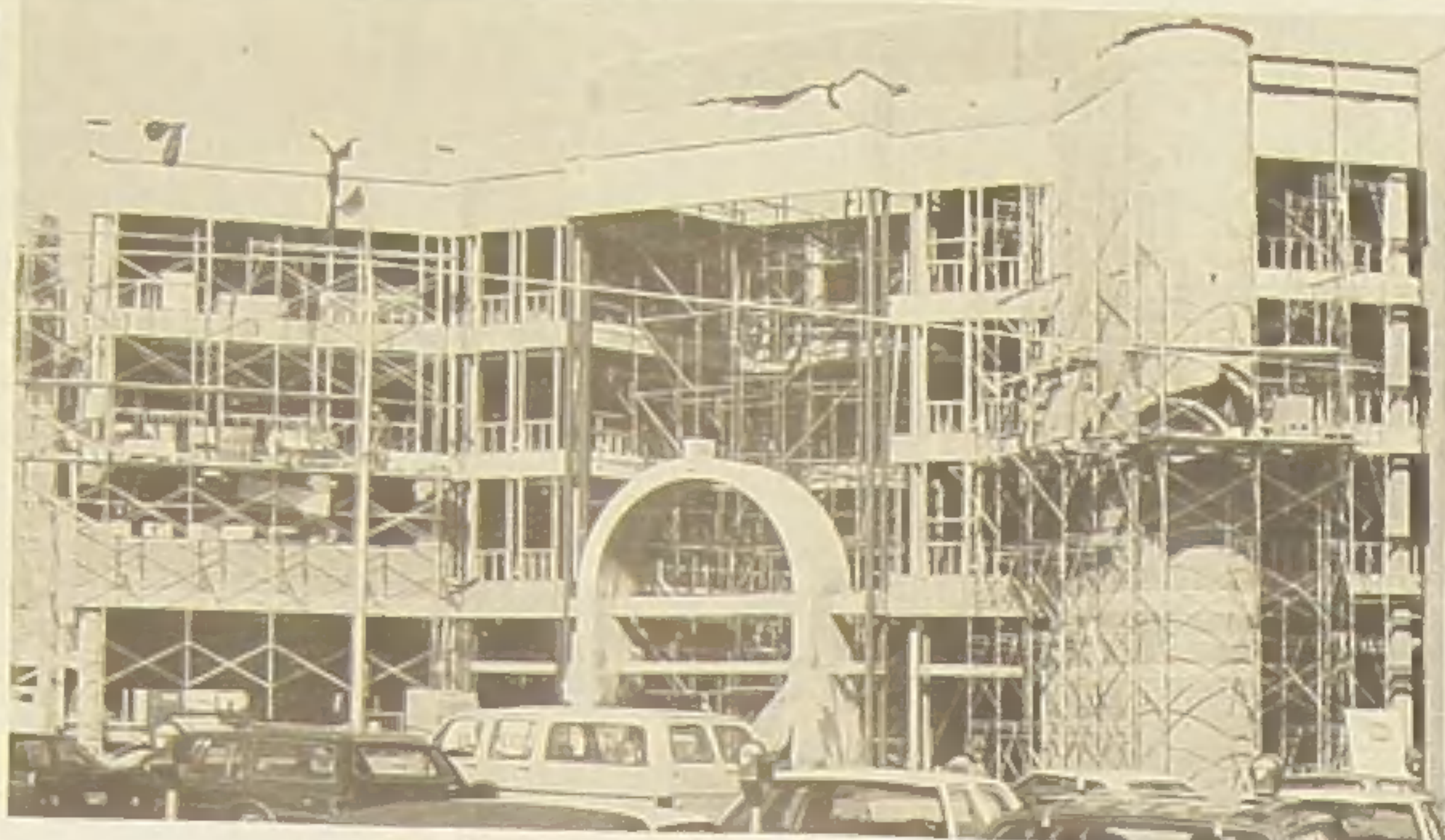
"We have the lowest rates for electric service in the four-state area," Pflug said.

"Some 90 per cent (of the companies in the nation) have higher average rates than Empire. This is a contributing factor to our stock strength."

"In the immediate future, our rates may decrease because of the new tax laws."

Currently, the company serves 110,000 customers in 120 small communities in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Joplin is the largest area Empire serves.

"The customer growth (rate) is about 2 per cent a year," Pflug said. "We are not increasing our land space, but we are growing in density."



Expansion Empire District Electric Company is making a \$7 million addition to its current structure. The building is located at Sixth and Joplin. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

Facilities change to satisfy needs

By Matt Moran
Chart Reporter

Established businesses in Joplin seem to be constantly expanding and changing. Health-oriented businesses are no exception.

While commercial renovation projects such as those at the Sears Plaza and the Northpark Mall have been the focus of the public's attention of late, renovations at Joplin's two major fitness centers have better facilitated the exercising population.

Similarly, expansions and renovations have been made at Joplin's three major health-care facilities.

"We did an entire rebuild," said Linda O'Neil, executive director of the Joplin Family Y.

The YMCA building, located at Fifth and Wall, was renovated completely after plans to construct a new building on Murphy Boulevard were dismissed.

"We did some research on who our customers were," O'Neil said. "A lot are walk-in people from downtown businesses, and a lot are kids from the area around our building."

A decision was made to stay at Fifth and Wall because of the location and the fact that the building was determined structurally sound. Renovation cost \$1.6 million in contrast to the projected \$3

million it would have taken to construct a new building.

"And we have 10,000 more square feet than the building on Murphy would have had," said O'Neil.

The three upper stories, which were once occupied as resident rooms, were all cleared.

"All the walls came out," she said. "We removed 500 tons of concrete."

Exercise rooms, a running and walking track, and new locker facilities now occupy those stories.

All the oak wood in the lobby area was preserved to keep its "Victorian" look. All the renovations to the YMCA building have brought "tremendous" results.

"Our business has increased 400 per cent in 18 months," said O'Neil. "We can service people that we couldn't service before, notably the handicapped."

The 11,000 square feet added to the Olympic Fitness Center in 1985 allowed that business to attract more people as its fitness menu increased.

"We opened the gym in November 1985," said Brad Biganda, manager. "It has a full-size basketball court, which doubles as a volleyball court and can be divided into two courts."

"In addition, we have a big aerobics room now, as well as bigger nautilus and freeweight areas and a cardiovascular

area."

The \$200,000 expansion project has resulted in an increased membership.

"Our membership has increased by 13 per cent," said Biganda. "Our addition has allowed more people to use the club."

Just as renovation and expansion have occurred at those businesses geared toward maintaining health, so has been the case at those businesses geared toward restoring health. St. John's Regional Medical Center, Freeman Hospital, and Oak Hill Hospital have all undergone changes.

Several areas of Oak Hill have been renovated, according to Mike Gilpin, director of marketing. Those areas include the lobby, the birthing center, administrative offices, laboratories, and patient rooms.

"Our research showed a 35 per cent increase in surgeries," said Gilpin. "This created a need for more space."

The six-year project at St. John's is currently winding down to a close, and the same is true for Freeman's own project. Changes in all three medical complexes should provide southwest Missouri with improved services.

"If you haven't been in Oak Hill Hospital in the last three years," Gilpin said, "you haven't been in Oak Hill Hospital."

Largent views Joplin as 'constantly changing'

By John Ford
Staff Writer

Enforcement of several different codes, writing environmental impact reviews, and determining community trends are all job aspects with which Dick Largent must deal.

"Our job is to be aware of a community's history and acutely aware of what's going on in a community now," said Largent, Joplin's city planner.

In addition, Largent's duties include a number of special projects—mass transit studies, economic development studies, establishment of a historical preservation ordinance, and the annual capital improvements program.

According to Largent, Joplin is a busy, "constantly changing" city, whose economy has an impact on a number of area residents' lives.

"There's new opportunity and new challenge," he said. "We have an economic

impact on close to 300,000 people. One of the things people notice when they come to Joplin is the congestion. We have 100,000 people in Joplin on any given day."

Another aspect of Largent's job is land management, which entails deciding where to place business and residential areas in accordance with local zoning codes.

"One of my primary jobs is providing some objective arguments for logical growth," said Largent. "You only have so much land; you need to use it the best you can. We (usually) think of land as being an endless commodity."

Recently, Joplin has had some economic difficulties, including the closing of the Sperry-Vickers and Missouri Steel Castings plants, and the layoffs at Motorola. How these closings and layoffs affect the future of Joplin is one of Largent's major concerns.

"...Anytime you take jobs off the

market, you decrease the amount of money circulated," Largent said. "Each job lost could represent three-four people. If 500 jobs are lost, it could (affect) 1,500 to 2,000 people. The impact isn't as dramatic as it would be in a smaller town."

Joplin is probably unique among cities its size because of location. It is not that large (41,000 people), yet its economy impacts the lives of approximately 300,000 people. It is for these reasons that the economy of Joplin is not much more greatly affected by the closings of Sperry-Vickers and Missouri Steel Castings.

"We aren't totally dependent on the industries of this city," said Largent. "When La-Z-Boy of Neosho expands, that helps us because those workers would come in on weekends to buy."

According to Largent, it is not healthy for a community to have an imbalance between basic industries (such as Eagle Picher) and non-basic industries (such as

the Northpark Mall).

"We need a good balance between basic and non-basic industries," Largent said. "Non-basic industry relies on circulation of new funds derived from basic industry."

Before becoming city planner in 1971, Largent was employed by the city as a draftsman. He received his bachelor's degree in sociology from Missouri Southern and also was in pre-engineering for two years at the College. Largent feels that he had the educational background most needed for being a city planner.

Being in Vietnam for a year has given Largent a greater appreciation for the quality of life Americans enjoy as opposed to living in other countries.

"I've always felt really strongly about the quality of life we have here, as opposed to other places," he said.



Dick Largent

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by a gradual onset, Anorexia is of sudden onset which is associated with an obsessive refusal to eat and resultant profound weight loss.

Although all eating disorders employ surreptitious and secretive methods to conceal atypical eating behaviors, the Anorectic's emaciation usually attracts attention. The Bulimic and the Bulimarexic may, however, more easily hide the problem as there is not usually a profound weight loss.

Psychologists, counselors, and medical doctors are not in agreement with regard to causative factors in eating disorders. There are, however, both psychogenic and medical hypotheses that attempt to explain the phenomena, but the medical and psychological communities have yet to fully agree on common etiological factors. In like fashion, there is little agreement on treatment methods although there is agreement that Anorexia is a far

more difficult condition to treat.

As the etiology of eating disorders is not fully understood, methods of treatment are not consistent. Some therapists promote hospitalization, however, the majority recommend outpatient therapy unless it is a life-threatening episode. Many therapies have been successfully employed to treat eating disorders. These include: family/educational therapies, stress management, assertiveness training, group therapy, and inpatient/outpatient programs.

Like alcoholism and other drug addictions, the person suffering from an eating disorder suffers from a set of obsessive/compulsive behaviors which are accompanied by a complex guilt and denial process that is cyclical in nature. The eating problem thus becomes integrated and fixed in the person's daily regimen and becomes a part of overall coping strategies.

Although symptoms of eating problems are, to an extent, individualized, they frequently correspond to several of the following criteria:

- Eating when not hungry
- Binges...eating large quantities of food (usually planned)
- Constant feelings of "being fat"
- Association of weight with self-esteem
- Fasting
- Self-induced vomiting
- Compulsive exercising
- Sneaking food and concealment of eating habits

Due to space limitations it is not possible to list in a comprehensive fashion all aspects of eating disorders. For individuals wishing further information relative to eating disorders, it is suggested that they contact the Counseling Center in Hearnes Hall.



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Baseball

Upcoming Games (Home games in all caps)

4-2	OKLAHOMA ST.	6:00
4-4	S. OF OZARKS	1:30
4-5	MO. WESTERN	1:30
4-6	EVANGEL	1:00
4-13	ARKANSAS	7:00
4-14	ORAL ROBERTS	4:00
4-16	S. OF OZARKS	4:00
4-18	MO. WESTERN	1:30
4-22	EVANGEL	4:00
4-24	CSIC TOURNEY	TBA
4-25	CSIC TOURNEY	TBA
4-28	SW MISSOURI	4:00



Softball

Upcoming Games (Home games in all caps)

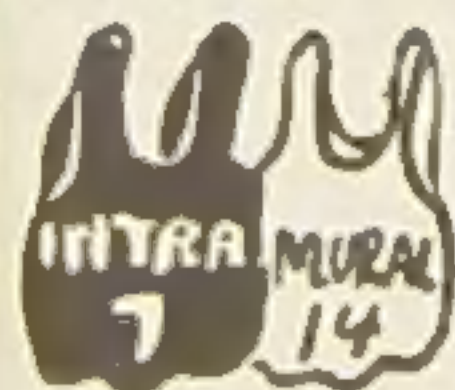
4-3	DIST. 16 MEET	TBA
4-4	DIST. 16 MEET	TBA
4-9	EMPORIA ST.	2:00
4-9	WASHBURN	3:30
4-10	WASHBURN INV.	TBA
4-11	WASHBURN INV.	TBA
4-13	SW BAPTIST	3:00
4-15	NEASTERN	3:00
4-17	MO. WEST. INV.	TBA
4-18	MO. WEST. INV.	TBA
4-22	PITTSBURG ST.	3:00
4-24	CSIC TOURNEY	TBA
4-25	CSIC TOURNEY	TBA
4-28	DISTRICT 16	TBA
5-1	DIST. 16 FINAL 4	TBA
5-2	DIST. 16 FINAL 4	TBA



Soccer

Varsity Schedule (Home games in all caps)

8-29	ALUMNI	4:00
9-2	BENEDICTINE	7:30
9-5	NE OKLAHOMA	4:00
9-7	Westminster	4:00
9-9	Tulsa	7:30
9-11	MO. VALLEY	7:30
9-14	Rockhurst	3:30
9-19	William Jewell	1:30
9-23	AVILA	3:30
9-26	BARTLESVILLE	2:00
9-30	SW MISSOURI	3:30
10-2	Tex. Shootout	TBA
10-3	Tex. Shootout	TBA
10-7	Park College	3:30
10-14	UM-ROLLA	3:30
10-21	John Brown	3:30
10-24	S. NAZARENE	1:30
10-28	Ottawa	3:30
10-31	Sangamon St.	2:00
11-7	Dist. Champ.	2:00



Softball

Rules meeting is today. Season begins April 6. Season ends May 1.

Golf

Sign-up begins April 6. Sign-up deadline is April 24. Tournament day will be set later.

Weekend tourney is important to team

By Tony Wilson
Staff Writer

When the Missouri Southern Lady Lions start getting ready for this weekend's trip, they might want to pack some extra bats.

According to Head Coach Pat Lipira, bats—hit-producing bats to be exact—are what Missouri Southern needs if it wants to be successful in the District 16 competition.

"Obviously this weekend is important," said Lipira. "The district seedings at the end of the year are based on district record. We need to bring home some wins."

The Lady Lions will face five district foes in two days while playing in the District 16 round-robin in Columbia.

Southern, 18-6 overall, will carry a 1-0 district mark into tomorrow's afternoon games with Missouri Baptist and Calver Stockton. The Lady Lions will return Saturday to battle William Woods, Columbia College, and Central Methodist.

"All five of these teams should give us good games," said Lipira. "Woods has been the top team in the past few years, but Columbia College had a good spring trip to Florida and is looking like they may have a good season."

Lipira says the overall play of the team has been in fine form, but it has a weakness in getting runs across the plate.

"We are not bunting well; obviously this means we are not advancing the runners. We must do this to get the runs across."

Norris Patterson resigns as CSIC commissioner

Dr. Norris Patterson has announced his resignation as commissioner of the Central States Intercollegiate Conference, effective July 1.

In a statement made before the CSIC Council of Presidents, which met during the NAIA national convention, Patterson cited the facts that he is writing a book and is also involved in facilities consultations for his decision.

Patterson has been the CSIC's only commissioner since the league's inception in 1976. He had recently retired as chairman of the department of physical education and athletics at William Jewell College, a post he held from 1975 through 1982.

He held a vice president's position at U.S. International University in California from 1969 through 1975, and had been the

head football coach at William Jewell from 1950 through 1968.

In Patterson's 22 years as a head football coach, which included stints at Excelsior Springs and Danville High Schools in Missouri, his teams never had a losing season. His career head coaching record is 166-36-11.

Patterson is a member of the NAIA Football Hall of Fame, the National Athletic Director's Hall of Fame, and the Missouri Valley College Hall of Fame. He is also a past recipient of the NAIA's Frank Cramer Award for Distinguished Service.

"In the past 11 years I have seen the conference grow and become the finest league in the NAIA," said Patterson. "I will miss the associations I have with a number of outstanding people. I will always treasure those relationships."

With that thought in mind, the Lady Lions traveled to Pittsburg State yesterday afternoon for a double-header. Southern bats sizzled in the first game as the women blasted the Gusties, 8-1.

Though the hitting continued for Southern in the nightcap, it was PSU on top in the end, 4-3.

Southern was led by junior second baseman Pam Mayfield, who managed five hits in seven plate appearances on the day.

Christi Tidman logged the victory in the first game yesterday. The win boosted her team leading record to 11-2. Before the PSU game, Tidman had allowed just one earned run in 80 innings for an ERA of 0.09.

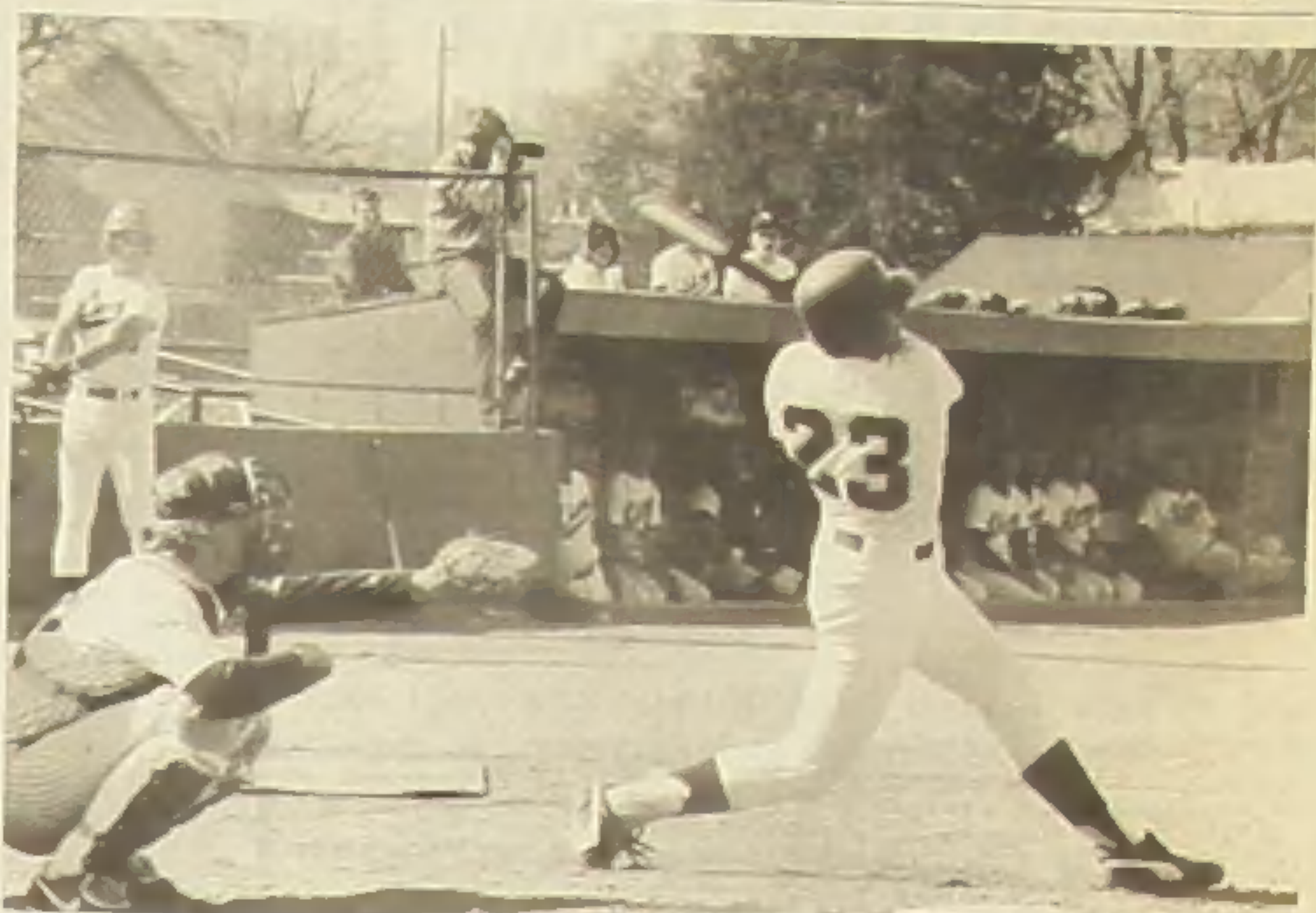
"Tidman is doing great," said Lipira. "She and Cheryl (Shelby) are very consistent."

Shelby, a senior and Southern's top returning hurler, has a 5-4 mark and a 0.82 ERA.

A noticeable asset to the Lady Lions infield has been the return of senior shortstop Becky Fly. Making a comeback after a serious knee injury, "The Fly" has swarmed around the Southern infield, playing havoc with opponent base runners. Fly is also the squad's leading hitter, batting at a .340 clip.

Junior Angie Murphy has also been productive with the bat. Murphy, who has moved from behind the plate to centerfield, is hitting .333.

The Lady Lions will enter conference action next Thursday when they travel to Emporia, Kan., for two contests with Emporia State and Washburn University.



Foul tip Sophomore designated hitter Jim Baranoski fouls a pitch off in Southern's twin-bill sweep of Winona State yesterday. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Lions pound out 29 runs in sweep Baseball team to meet NCAA power Oklahoma State today

By Richie Kilmer
Staff Writer

Hosting Winona State yesterday in a double-header, the Missouri Southern baseball Lions scored 29 runs and raised their record to 14-12.

In the first game, designated hitter Jim Baranoski broke a 7-7 tie with a three-run homer, and the Lions never looked back en route to a 16-8 victory. Righthander Brent Souter relieved starter Dennis Shanks and was credited with the victory.

In the nightcap, catcher Joe Janiak homered with two out in the first, then the Lions scored 10 runs in the second inning to break the game open. In that inning, Mark Handel hit a three-run homer, Dennis Robbins had a two-run single, and Joe Janiak added an RBI double. Senior righthander Kevin Pozniak allowed only three hits in his three innings of pitching, while striking out four. Randy Jolitz relieved Pozniak, and shut out Winona the rest of the way to seal the victory.

Southern coach Warren Turner praised the team's offensive show-

ing and also the job done by the pitching staff.

"Shanks, Souter, [Mike] Stebbins, Pozniak, and [Randy] Jolitz all pitched well," said Turner.

Turner, whose Lions face number one ranked Oklahoma State at 6 p.m. today, is "excited" about facing the explosive Cowboys. Senior pitcher Tim Williams is scheduled to start for the Lions.

"Hey, how many NAIA teams get to face the top ranked team in NCAA Division I?" asked Turner.

In the recent Mutt Miller Classic held March 19-22 at Joe Becker Stadium, the Lions finished with a record of 8-0. Turner was pleased with the pitching staff, which garnered three shutouts in the Classic, and allowed more than two runs in a game only once.

"We've got depth on our staff, and it showed in the Classic," said Turner.

Last Thursday, the Lions split a double-header with Missouri Baptist in St. Louis, dropping the opener to the Spartans 3-2 before taking the nightcap 6-3.

Spartan righthander Chuck Duquette hurled a two-hit,

15-strikeout victory. Lions pitcher Doug Stockam gave up only two hits in the game. Janiak collected both of the Lions' hits.

Tim Williams started for the Lions in the second game and won 6-3, evening his record at 2-2.

Tuesday, Southern traveled to Springfield to play Southwest Missouri State University.

SMSU used a couple of big innings to offset three home runs by the Lions and won 13-7.

Janiak gave the Lions a 2-0 lead in the first with a two-run homer. However, SMSU came back with five runs in its half of the inning, including a two-run homer by left-fielder Mike Ruble. Handel answered with a two-run homer in the second.

Baranoski led off the third with a home run to bring the Lions within one, at 5-4, but that was as close as they could come as the Bears padded their lead with four runs in the eighth. Doug Stockam picked up the loss, dropping his record to 0-3. Handel went 3-for-5, and Janiak and Leroy Hagedorn had two hits apiece to pace the Lions.

Three players receive NAIA recognition

Three Missouri Southern basketball players were named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American teams.

Anita Rank of the Lady Lions received third-team All-American honors. Rank, a 6-foot junior from Lincoln, averaged 22.4 points and collected 9.1 rebounds per game

this season and led the Lady Lions to a 15-10 record.

Marvin Townsend was named to the honorable mention team while helping the Lions to a 20-13 record. Townsend, a 6-7 senior from St. Louis, scored 20.2 points and led the Lions in rebounds with an 8.1 average per contest.

Chris Tuggle earned honorable

mention All-American honors and led the Lions to the NAIA National Tournament before they fell to Hawaii-Hilo in the opening round. Tuggle, a 6-3 senior from Memphis, paced the Lions with a 21-point average while grabbing 6.7 rebounds.

Sidelines:

A short guide to create the perfect baseball fan

By Tony Wilson
Staff Writer

Whoever said that springtime turned young men's hearts and minds to love obviously did not frequent the ballpark.

Now that Steve Alford, who, in the words of one loyal female Indiana fan, "is so cute it doesn't matter that he can't make a two-point shot," and the Hoosiers have won the big boys basketball title, and now that Dick Dunkel has turned off his trusty computer for the summer, we can turn our attention to the real sport, America's sport...BASEBALL.

Yes, I know the NBA is just now finishing up its "exhibition season," but be honest, who cares about the NBA? Anyone? I didn't think so. On to baseball.

Baseball is a game for the fans. Baseball loves its fans. That is as long as the fans know what

they are doing. In fact, there is nothing that baseball hates more than fans who don't know how the proper way to be fans.

So, for the benefit of baseball, and the would-be follower, I give you this short guide designed to create the near perfect baseball fan. I recommend that you clip this out and tape it to the sunvisor in your car. Then you will be set for the season.

The first thing a baseball fan needs is a team. A number one, absolute favorite team that you will follow, win or lose. Don't pick a team close to home that everyone likes. Be different.

Make sure that you like the colors of the team you choose, because you should spare no expense in purchasing official team clothing to show your spirit. Hats, jerseys, jackets, shorts, and socks are popular. Shoes are not. Do not buy shoes; you will just be wasting your money.

Some other extravagancies that true fans may indulge in to show unyielding team spirit are: personalized license plates denoting your favorite team, flying your team's pennant above your house, or dying your firstborn child the colors of your team. As I said, these are

extremes and are not required.

Next, the fan should be aware of the various types of baseball jargon. Know what is what so you don't make a fool of yourself at the ballpark. For example: the "bullpen" has nothing to do with a rodeo, a "bunt" is not a desert, and a "suicide squeeze" is not a before dinner cocktail. Some baseball words have double-meanings, such as "out-a-there," which could mean a player has been tagged out or that a ball has been hit over the fence for a homerun. "Texas leaguer," which could be a pop-up that lands safely in the outfield or a new player who just came up from the minor leagues; or "strike," which could be an unsuccessful swing by a batter or a player analogy meaning "we want more money."

Once you have mastered the obscure jargon of this wonderful sport, you are ready to hit the ballpark. Get there early to watch a little batting practice and hit the concession stand before the lines form. By a program and memorize statistics for each player. This will enable you to impress those around you during introductions.

If your team is losing, do not yell at the umpires. They can't

hear you. Umpires are all not only blind, but deaf also. Don't yell at the players. Talking had about them in the ear on the way home is OK, but to yell at them during the game is un-American, unless you are in New York. The best thing you can do is locate the owner's box and yell at him for not buying a better

pitching staff. This brings me to the best part of baseball—the part that makes baseball the fan's game. Remember that if a game piece (ball, bat, cap, etc.) falls into the stands, it is the fan's to keep. Baseball is the only sport in which this is the case, except for maybe stock-car racing.

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Member of Iowa Hall of Fame is now pitching for Lady Lions

By Cynthia Ornelas
Chart Reporter

Half of the only set of sisters to be in the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame for Softball now pitches for the Lady Lions.

Christi Tidman, a junior transfer from Ellsworth (Iowa) Community College, shares this honor with her older sister, who also graduated from the junior college.

by traveling to all her games. With this positive backing, she has had a close relationship with her parents.

Still, softball is not the only activity that rates high on Tidman's list. She puts school at the top.

"I take studies seriously, and I'm pretty good at balancing my time," Tidman said.

She believes she can efficiently distribute her time both academically and athletically to get the most out of the two.

Ellsworth. In 1984 Tidman was chosen to play on a Junior Olympic team. While in junior college, she made the all-region first team and was voted most valuable player both years.

"Pitchers are always watched and usually given more attention," she said, "so you have to know how to handle it."

Tidman believes respect for the abilities of her teammates is essential. She throws three different pitches, including a riseball, fastball, and change-up. Cheryl Shelby, a senior from Carthage, shares pitching duties with Tidman.

In addition to softball, Tidman enjoys shopping, reading, writing, listening to music, and several other sports.

"I am very independent," she said. "I have to have my own space and time to myself."

Tidman said she does enjoy the time she can spend having fun with her friends. She said she misses her family and friends, but enjoys being away from home.

"My family, especially my parents, are special to me and they are because they're far away, which in a sense keeps us close," Tidman said. "I don't take them for granted."

She expects to attend college for at least four and a half years.

"When I get out," she said, "I want to find a good job and be successful in my profession and happy in my personal life."

"I have two older sisters that played competitively, so they were somewhat of an inspiration to me."

—Christi Tidman, Southern softball player

"I have two older sisters that played competitively, so they were somewhat of an inspiration to me," Tidman said.

Tidman can remember her father playing catch with her and pushing her to practice since the second grade. While she was younger, she did not enjoy practicing and it was not until after junior high, when her ability began to increase, that she did enjoy it.

"When it got easier, it became more fun, and it has definitely paid off," Tidman said.

Her parents have always supported her

Tidman decided to attend Southern because there is a well-rounded business program. She said she was also impressed with Pat Lipira, head softball coach, while she was being recruited.

Tidman carried a 3.68 GPA while attending Hubbard (Iowa) High School. While at Ellsworth Community College, she earned a liberal arts degree. Tidman, an honor student at Ellsworth, also tutored other students.

The Lady Lions pitcher has received several honors playing softball. Her career record was 147-36 before she entered



Christi Tidman

Shepherd adjusts to new life-style

By Lisa Clark
Staff Writer

After being the starting cornerback for the University of Missouri-Columbia, Rod Shepherd decided he needed a change of pace.

Shepherd, a junior, played football for four years at MU and now is playing for Missouri Southern.

"Southern is smaller and more personal," said Shepherd. "Everyone knows everyone else here."

Coming to a smaller school caused him to make several adjustments. MU is a member of the Big 8 so the football team has some added benefits Southern does not have.

The MU football team eats together every night at a separate place than the other students at MU, and before every game players spend the night in a hotel.

"There was an electricity when you went out on the field for a game at MU," said Shepherd, "because the facilities were so large and overwhelming."

"Here (at Southern), though, the football program is constant and the coaches make you want to work hard."

Since transferring, the only thing Shepherd misses is his fraternity, Kappa

Alpha Psi.

"Kappa was a great support network, and someone was always around if you needed them," he said.

Compared to Southern, the fraternity system at MU is much larger, and contributes more extensively to college activities.

"I'd like to get a Kappa chapter started here," he said, "but fraternities are not a big deal here."

Joplin unless you have friends in Tulsa or Kansas City that you can stay with on the weekends."

Shepherd has played football since he was seven years old, and most of the time has been a cornerback. He has a secret dream of one day playing in pro football just as his idol, Jack Tatum of the old Oakland Raiders.

"Tatum hit hard and was a great cornerback," said Shepherd. "I always

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—Rod Shepherd, Southern football player

He also had to get used to living in a small town when he transferred. Shepherd has lived most of his life in Hampton, Va., a city on the Virginia peninsula.

He said, "Hampton is a large city that is water oriented, and it's hard to get used to not being close to the ocean."

Also, Shepherd is not used to having a big city close by that is easy to get to. He said, "You're basically stuck in

wanted to be as good as him."

Shepherd has a bigger dream, though. He wants to see everyone in the world work together regardless of race or economic status. This follows the teachings of his greatest idol, Martin Luther King.

"King wanted all people together as one, and that is something we all should work for," said Shepherd.



Rod Shepherd

Majeski returns to Lions

Senior centerfielder looks for NAIA World Series

By Jim Baranowski
Chart Reporter

Two years and two different schools later, Joe Majeski has finally come home.

Majeski, a senior from Algonquin, Ill., has been going to school and playing baseball at Missouri Southern for the past two semesters. However, a year ago this was not the case until his sudden change in plans.

Majeski first came to Southern in 1983 on a baseball scholarship.

"I came to Southern through Ted Flore, (a) University of Illinois assistant baseball coach (who) helps athletes find schools to play ball while in college."

Majeski said the reason he came to Southern was "to get a good education and play baseball."

He believes his first semester at the College was an "adjusting stage." However, things began to improve for him during his second semester.

Majeski moved out of the dormitories and into an apartment at the beginning of the baseball season.

After the season, Majeski was named to the NAIA All-American team. It was after this honor that news of Majeski's transferring to another school began to circulate.

"I never really wanted to leave, but the scholarship Arizona State was offering was better," Majeski said.

When the young outfielder made the move to Arizona State, he was going there with "intentions to play."

Majeski's move put him on the roster of one of college baseball's best teams. However, his expected playing time was

not what he thought it would be. Majeski said that not being able to play was a "major drawback."

Majeski said life at Arizona State while playing on the baseball team was not poor.

"I got a chance to travel to many different states and schools, including Hawaii," he said.

Majeski returned to Southern to finish his education.

"I came back to finish my career with Southern knowing that the team had a chance for the NAIA World Series again," he said.

When word of Majeski's return was announced to the Southern team, there were some happy teammates.

"I was glad to hear he was coming back," said Rick Berg, Lions shortstop and team captain. "I feel he's going to help Southern at going to the World Series again."

"On paper, we have the team (to play well), so I am ready to play," Majeski said.

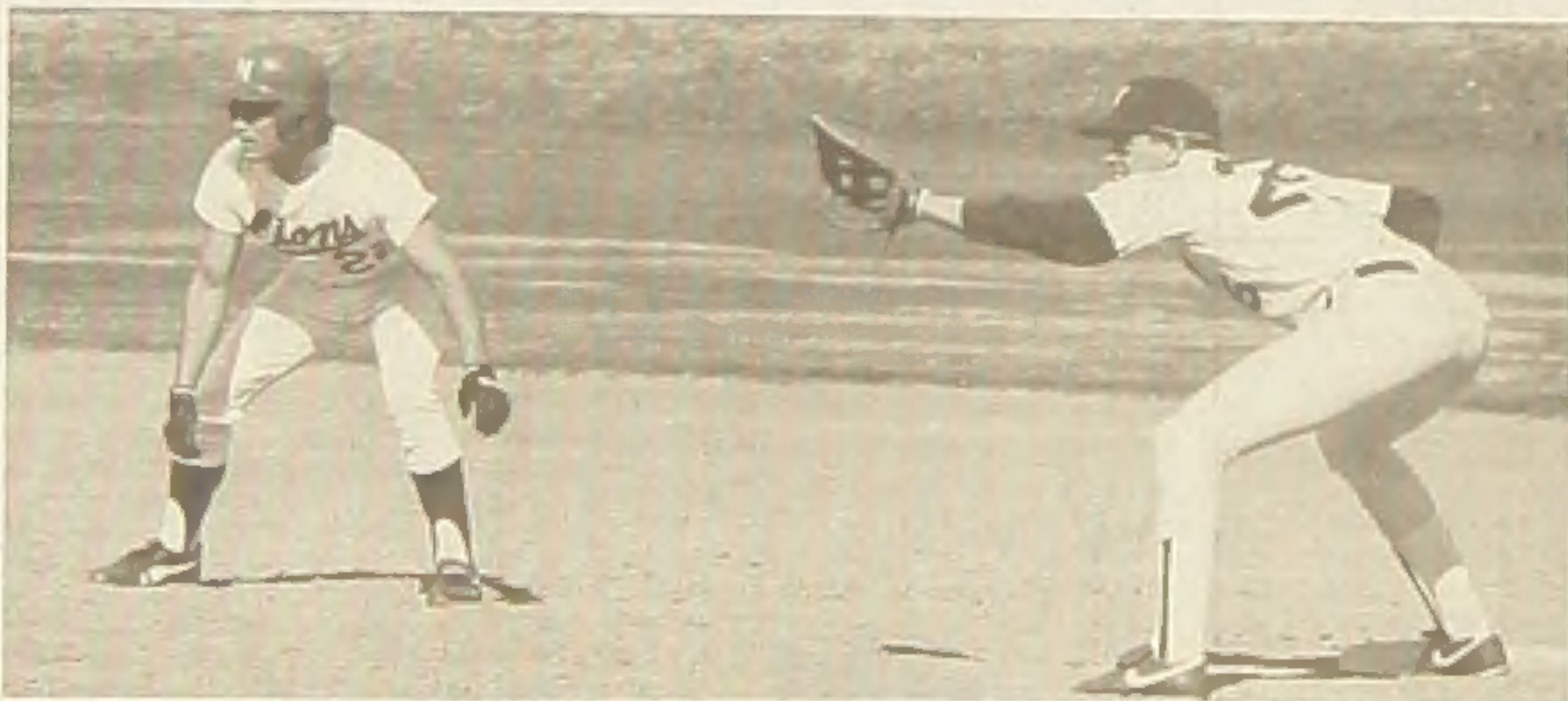
Majeski said he "missed last year" because the Lions captured the conference championship.

"If you have fun, you should win," Majeski said. "You should play baseball because you love the game."

When not playing baseball, Majeski enjoys golf and water skiing. After his baseball career, Majeski plans to pursue a career with his physical education degree.

"I would like to be teaching grades seven through 12," he said.

However, Majeski said he "would prefer a job with an airline" so he can fly free.



(Above) Joe Majeski, senior centerfielder for the Lions, looks to steal a base against Winona State as he takes a lead off first base. (Left) Majeski dives back to the base as the Winona State pitcher attempts to pick him off.

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